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Sunday School Board Will Finance Historical Movie White and Morgan Resign

All of the thirty-one members, except five, of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in regular semi-annual session in Nashville December 13.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of this meeting was the climactic offer of Secretary T. L. Holcomb of the Sunday School Board to finance the production of the proposed cinema portraying in a graphic way the principal episodes in our Southern Baptist history during the past hundred years, the premier showing to be given in Atlanta on Tuesday evening, May 8, in connection with our Centennial Convention.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, chairman of a special committee appointed by the chairman of the Centennial program committee, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, presented to the committee an outline of the script he had prepared on "The Romance of a Century." He did it so effectively that everyone seemed to be heartily in favor of putting this thrilling romance on the screen in permanent form that generations yet unborn as well as the present one may be able to review intelligently and sympathetically our history for the past century.

But the catch came in finding the money, some \$60,000.00, with which to finance the project. Various proposals were submitted only to prove unsatisfactory to the majority of the committee. Finally, when almost all hope of finding a way to finance the project had been abandoned, and the

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The Joint Conference Committee On Public Relations— Its Organization And Function L. L. Gwaltney Editor, The Alabama Baptist

The Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations is composed of the Committees on Public Relations appointed by the Southern, the Northern, and the two National Baptist Conventions, and forms the only official agency through which the Baptists of America now work together in furthering causes and objectives to which all Baptists are committed.

The Southern Baptist Convention initiated this movement in 1936 by setting up a Committee on Public Relations. The work of this committee was defined in the following words: "As situations arise in which agencies of the Convention are compelled to confer, to negotiate, to demand just rights that are being threatened or to have other inescapable dealings with our American or other governments, this committee shall function as the representative of Southern Baptists when so requested by any existing board or agency, and shall report in detail the

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RELIGION IN THE PACIFIC



It has been said, "There are no atheists in foxholes." Myriad fighting men have written home from combat zones of comfort they found in their strong religious belief when it looked as if any moment might be their last. Pictured here are two marines who apparently have decided a faith is something a man should have as he faces the enemy, and so are being baptized by a navy chaplain. The men are members of a second marine division tank outfit. The scene is "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Religious News Service Expands Foreign Coverage Will Send Correspondents To Rome and Paris

With this release Religious News Service begins coverage from Rome. From this post we will aim to give careful and reliable coverage of Vatican activities and activities of the churches in Italy.

Very shortly, also, we will resume coverage from Paris releasing reports of major Roman Catholic and Protestant developments, especially concerning future plans.

Coverage will also be resumed from other liberated countries as soon as feasible.

Meanwhile, we are shortly sending a special correspondent to Europe with a roving assignment for one year to cover the churches of the

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and the backdrop, an overturned and shell-battered amphibian tractor, and the time, "After the Battle."

At left, adopting the Baptist faith, is Marine Private First Class Walter H. Erwin, 21 (499521), of Route 4, Bessemer, Ala., and center, embracing the Pentecostal religion, is Corporal Philip S. Fields, 22 (280576), of Encanto (San Diego), Calif. The chaplain is Lieutenant (jg) E. McCoy Bynum, of 104 North Capitol Parkway, Montgomery, Ala., and former pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery.

To My Fellow Baptists Of Every Land:

Hearty greetings to all of our faith and order. May God's love and life fill 1945. Let us in sacrificial co-operation seek to relieve distress, restore and strengthen our churches and institutions, and quicken missionary concern everywhere. Let us unitedly witness and work for religious liberty against political or hierarchical domination; for the simplicities of the gospel against the sacerdotal and sacramentarian perversion; and for the Christian unity which is rooted in truth and freedom. Let us as Christians and as citizens always be mindful that we live in one world and are called to make it truly God's world.

James Henry Rushbrooke,
President,
Baptist World Alliance.

Southern Baptists To Inaugurate 1945 Radio Hour



Southern Baptists will inaugurate the 1945 Baptist Hour together with their Centennial Crusade program next Sunday morning, January 7th, 8:30 a. m. EWT—7:30 a. m. CWT, with Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas, Texas, speaking on the Baptist Hour network which covers all the territory from Maryland to Florida and westward to include Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Southern Baptist Radio Committee, of Atlanta, Georgia. The subject for this general series is "The Call of a New Era."

With Southern Baptists seeking to win 1,000,000 souls to Christ in 1945, and with millions of young men from the homes of the nation in military service, it is appropriate that Dr. Bassett's subject should be, as announced by the Radio Committee, "Prayer for a Stricken World." This broadcast is a part of the program of Southern Baptists to help lead the nation to prayer in the opening of the crucial year 1945.

Dr. Bassett, the speaker for that broadcast, has been pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, for more than 25 years, and is recognized as one of the great spiritual preachers and leaders of our day, according to Dr. Lowe.

The music this year will again be by the Baptist Hour choir under the direction of Mr. John D. Hoffman. The program will originate from the studios of WSB, Atlanta Ga.

These programs can be heard in Mississippi over Stations WCBI, Columbus; WSLI, Jackson; WSM, Nashville, and KWKH, Shreveport.

LET US PRAY

By Dr. J. Dean Crain, Pastor
Pendleton Street Church
Greenville, South Carolina

(Second article in series on "Let Us Pray," in preparation for United Prayer Week, January 1-5.)

Since the day of Pentecost every real true revival had its beginning in

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Sparks & Splinters

Winona Lake, Ind.—(RNS)—Plans were mapped here by the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for establishing a weekly program of ten stations for the Brethren denomination. Cost will be about \$700 a week and will be financed through affiliated congregations of the Fellowship. A radio board of ten members was named to arrange details.

There surely must be 100,000 Mississippi Baptist men and boys who really count for Christ out of the total 300,000 Mississippi Baptists. If they fall in giving support to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$200,000 Building Fund campaign, they will fail their wives, children, sisters, mothers and multitudes of others who are daily treated there, and still others who are denied admittance for lack of room. Mississippi Baptist men and boys constitute a mighty army for Christ! They must not fail Him in this mighty Christ-cause—ministering to the sick and suffering bodies of men and women and children.

Rev. R. H. Daniels, pastor, announces the dedication of Bethlehem church at Forkville on Sunday, January 7. Those taking part on the program are Taylor Tadlock, Rev. G. O. Parker, Rev. Bob Wallace, Rev. W. D. Wallace, J. H. Price, Prof. S. C. Wallace, Dr. O. C. Rigby and John L. Pender.

Mississippi Baptist Church treasurers are urged to send in all monies for all causes and particularly in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital campaign right away, if they have not done so for the month of December.

Rev. J. H. Sherman, Courtland, has led all his churches to put the Hospital Building Fund in their 1945 budget, and, in addition, is to raise \$100 as a special offering. IT CAN BE DONE!

"Light for the World's Darkness" is a new volume delivered during the second New York Congress, on Prophecy. Dr. John W. Bradbury compiled and edited the volume.

Calvary, Greenwood: Treasurer A. L. McLaugh states that so far this month we have exceeded our operating budget enough to place \$162.40 in the building fund, that we now have 63 tithers, that the Sunday school offering and special contributions to the Baptist Hospital totaled \$41.94. A total of ONE active deacon attended prayer service Wednesday night, Dec. 27. He was W. W. Jolly. Brethren Jeff Hester and R. M. Booker are other ordained, but currently inactive, deacons who were present. The deacons are needed in the prayer service.

Give Ye by Prof. Frank K. Means, associate professor of missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, seeks to give the scriptural interpretation of the doctrines of stewardship as related particularly to the missionary program of Jesus. Dr. Means stresses the obligation resting upon the Christian world today. A good book for any Christian. Order from the publisher, the Broadman Press or the Baptist Book Store. The price is 50 cents.

In the two weeks revival conducted by Evangelist Hyman Appelman in the Hamlin Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., there were over sixty actual additions by baptism and by transfer of membership. Dr. Haskell T. Abbott has been pastor for fifteen years of that good church.

Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz, evangelist, has moved to Riverside, California. His address is South Riverside Drive. He was formerly pastor at Greenville, Tenn., and Lake Charles, La.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker by Lind Swarthout and published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., is an inspiring book that will be helpful to any reader. Prayer is powerful—today! Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's soul-moving experience on a raft with a Bible is a glorious testimony to this fact. In the desolate wastes of the Pacific he and his comrades found that God hears and answers the cries of His children. Author Swarthout traces Captain Rickenbacker's steady climb to flying fame. We see Rickenbacker the plucky boy, the enterprising industrialist, the world-famous aviator. But the climax of the book is the most significant event in Rickenbacker's life: his experience on the raft in the Pacific and the miraculous heaven-sent answer to his prayer for deliverance. The price is \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

The Prayers of the Bible by Elinore Mapes Pierce (Mrs. Earle V.) is published by the Judson Press, Philadelphia, and sells for \$1.50. It is a compilation of the prayers of the Bible and should be helpful to all Bible lovers. In stating her purpose in compiling The Prayers of the Bible, the author explains that "this compilation was made, first of all, for myself. It has been a great blessing to me in many ways. I have come to realize the straightforward simplicity of the prayers found in the Bible—man's need expressed and God's power and response. The faith which they have revealed in God's approachableness and power has strengthened faith." Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Dr. Edward A. McDowell, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is the author of "Son of Man and Suffering Servant." It is an historical and exegetical study of the Synoptic Gospels, revealing the consciousness of Christ concerning His person and mission. The book grew out of a series of lectures delivered at the Louisiana Baptist Encampment several years ago. The author says, "The object of this work is to bring to light from the consciousness of Jesus the truth of the opinion that He held concerning Himself and His mission." This book will be helpful to any Christian. It is published by the Broadman Press and sells for \$2.00. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

Mrs. G. B. Black is another good friend of The Baptist Record. She sent us an EVERY FAMILY list from Red Lick church. Such friends as this help The Baptist Record circulation to grow.

Miss Vera Ray sends us a nice list of 14 subscriptions from McCool. She states this is one-half the families and she expects to send more.

Another good friend of The Baptist Record is Rev. N. A. Edmunds of Shubuta. He recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

According to reliable estimates about 50,000,000 persons in the United States over 15 years of age used alcoholic beverages to some degree in 1943. 2,000,000 of these 50,000,000 persons are chronic alcoholics.

First church, Brownwood, Texas, recently celebrated the first anniversary of the pastor, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer. During the year, there have been 340 additions to the church, sixty-four of whom came by baptism. The church has raised a total of \$48,885 for all purposes, \$7,455 went to the Cooperative Program. The church has a building fund with about \$10,000 at the present time looking forward to a modern and adequate educational building after the war. The budget goal for next year is \$1,000 per Sunday and more than \$10,000 for the Cooperative Program with great emphasis on evangelism. (Editor's note: Dr. Spencer is one of our Mississippi boys and was formerly pastor at Immanuel church, Hattiesburg.)

The Church and World Conditions, by Dr. Earle V. Pierce, prominent Northern Baptist pastor and Bible teacher is a book that should be read by every Baptist. It sells for \$1.50 and orders should be sent to the author at 10 Red Cedar Lane, Minneapolis 10, Minn. Dr. Pierce believes that in spite of its past failures and the present weaknesses which come from the sins and the lack of full commitment to Christ of its members "the church can still mightily improve conditions in the world." He is convinced that the power of God is freely available to those who fulfill the conditions of repentance, faith, and obedience, and that, equipped with this power, the church can do much to remedy the present tragic plight of mankind. He stresses the obligation greatly to enlarge the missionary enterprise. Chapter headings are: The Crisis Upon Us; The Purpose, Program and Power of the Christian Church; Christianity's Responsibility for the Good in the World; The Church's Responsibility for the Dominance of Evil and for the Present War; The Church Could Still Change World Conditions. Many Mississippi Baptists heard Dr. Pierce in a series of Stewardship Conferences last fall. They will want the book. Those who failed to hear him need the book.

The Brookhaven W. M. U. raised \$250 during November to purchase a baking unit for the orphanage.

The suggested 1945 budget of the First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, allocates 35% to the Cooperative Program.

The Orphanage has received several gifts from boys in service. We are grateful for these gifts and glad to know that the boys are thinking of us at this season of the year. We still have many things for which we should be thankful. One is the privilege of freedom of worship, another is freedom of giving. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Hearing her Norwegian father relate many tales of Norway and later visiting Norway prepared Alta Halverson Seymour to write "On the Edge of the Fjord," a novel dealing with the Nazis in Norway. Nazi officers were quartered in the Engeland home. Petra Engeland, only fourteen, with her impetuous older brother, Martin, carried out daring and clever schemes, under the very noses of the vigilant Nazis. Against a background of mountains, caves, and fjords, the thrilling adventures and narrow escapes of Petra and Martin make breathless reading in this timely story. The publisher is the Westminster Press, Witherspoon building, Philadelphia 7, Pa. The price is \$2.00. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, who returned a few months ago from America to her chosen field in the Near East, writes that she has visited Beirut recently and found Brother Jureidini doing good work despite his advanced years. A fine Baptist layman has opened mission stations in and near Beirut. Miss Gruver makes her home in Haifa, Palestine, the great Mediterranean port near Mount Carmel.

Lieut. Gen. Sir William G. S. Dobbie, who attained world fame as the defender of Malta, and Lady Dobbie, will top the list of speakers for the thirty-ninth annual Founder's Week Conference, Feb. 5 to 11, at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The conference commemorates the birth date of D. L. Moody, renowned evangelist and founder of the Institute.

A cable the last of November from our missionaries at Tsunyi, Kweichow, China, indicated that, on account of Japanese advances, they might be compelled to evacuate that station recently occupied by them. One of the compensations of the refugee movements of Chinese Christians is the spread of the gospel: "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

Dr. R. Houston Smith has resigned the Bossier City First church to accept the call of the First church of Arkadelphia, Ark., effective Jan. 1. (Editor's note: Dr. Smith was formerly pastor at Collins.)

Please be patient. The Baptist Record has on hand a large number of articles both long and short. So if your article does not appear as soon as you expect it, be as lenient with us as you can. We will get it in as soon as possible. Some articles have already waited six months.

The 1944 Pearl River county minutes are a credit to the printers and to the clerk, John S. Rester. We glean the following facts from the statistical tables: Churches 27; membership 6,270; Sunday school enrollment 2,930; Training Union enrollment 554; W. M. U. enrollment 531; Brotherhood enrollment 138; total for local gifts \$53,887; total for missions and benevolences \$15,138.

Several pastors have said that they would send the Record to their members in the armed service, but keeping addresses correct would be too much trouble. The Baptist Record takes care of that trouble. Send us their names and addresses and future changes of address come to us through the post office department.

The Foreign Mission Board is encouraged by the latest word from Rumania, which suggests the possibility that our Baptist people may be recognized soon as a "cult" and that their property may be restored to them.

Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor emeritus of the Second church, Little Rock, Ark., and a denominational leader for a quarter of a century, died Wednesday night, Dec. 6, of a heart attack. Dr. Waller retired from the active pastorate Jan. 1, 1944, at the age of 70 years.

My congratulations to you and the Baptists of Mississippi in the great victory you have won in the name and for the cause of Christ. What I like about being in Tennessee is that it is still next to Mississippi and in Memphis I think of myself as a "Memphissippian."—R. B. Patterson.

Rev. A. L. Kirkwood of New Orleans has resigned as superintendent of city missions to become pastor of the Third church of Granite City, Ill.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

We are happy to announce that Jackson citizens have paid or pledged over \$75,000 during the month of December as their part of the \$200,000 Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund. Hon. Doug Kenna and his associates are to be congratulated over these fine results.

The Statewide amount paid or pledged stands at approximately \$50,000. This is without most of the Christmas offering. The divisional directors, the pastors and churches, the hospital amnagement and trustees are to be congratulated for this very splendid showing. Much remains to be done, but we predict the \$200,000 will be raised during the month of January.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH.

I

"When Jesus saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them." Matthew 9:36.

We recently heard a fine pastor evangelist tell the story of Dr. Truett speaking to the soldiers behind the lines during the World War I. An officer reminded Dr. Truett that he would be speaking the last message some of these men would hear. They were to go into battle just before dawn. Some would not come back. Naturally, this but added to the passionate appeal on the part of the preacher. As he gave the invitation the soldiers facing battle, blood and death responded, not in tens, nor twelves, but in fifties and one hundreds. Do you suppose anybody criticized because of the response on the part of such large numbers? Do you suppose somebody mentioned psychological complex? Why is it that we are more careful in days of peace and quiet, than in the face OF BATTLE? Jesus loved the multitudes! Jesus carried the multitudes on His heart! There is a possibility that we may have overplayed the "ONE WIN ONE" plan. Frankly, we are afraid of the numbers complex but we are more afraid of the laziness complex, the indifferent complex, the hypocritical complex. So far as we recall, the New Testament does not throw out any particular warnings against going after numbers. As a matter of fact, if you want to see the subject of numbers and multitudes mentioned until they reach heaven, look at the following scriptures: "The Twelve," Matthew 10:1-2; "An hundred and twenty," Acts 1:15. "And the same day there were added to unto them about three thousand souls," Acts 2:41. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Acts 2:47. "Howbeit, many of them which heard the word believed, and the number of men was about five thousand," Acts 4:4. "And the multitudes of them that believed," Acts 4:32, and 5:14. "And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly," Acts 6:7.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5:11-12.

"And I beheld, and lo, a multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and people, and tongues, stood before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

"And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:9-10.

II

Two things, among a multitude of such things, have brought us joy in the work and a bit of amusement at the surprise expressed by brethren.

A college president said several times, "I don't see how you are calling so many bonds with the money you are getting. It amazes me." Others said the same thing in one word or another. Answer: Well, our pastors and churches are just better than they seem to recognize themselves as being. They are indeed a great Christian army—Christ's army! We had good organization, and used it! Economy in administration was practiced in a degree most people did not know about. We would talk, for instance, about putting on other workers to help with the load. Present workers would say, "We can do it! Let us do it!" That is one reason we have been rather quick to defend the office force. We have something to defend! We had a good cause—Baptist honor—we must be honest; and Christian education—the training of our boys and girls. In 1939 we paid out \$32,000 and more in interest. In 1944 we paid out \$3,000 in interest—that is a big difference right there! In 1939 we got \$202,000 for all causes. In 1944 we got \$880,000 for all causes. That is quite a difference. WE PUT EVERY DOLLAR WHERE IT BELONGED!

Second: the brethren have been asking in amazement, "Where did you get the money for the Baptist building?"

Answer: Again, Baptist pastors and churches are more loyal and generous than they seem to realize! Part of our appeal for State Missions—again, again, and again—from pulpit, by letter, and through The Baptist Record—was based upon the need for a Baptist building. Therefore, some of the money sent in for State Missions was directly for this Baptist building. What is the difference between such a building, in China, or at the orphanage, or, a college? One difference is that the Baptist building will serve all causes of Christ more largely than does any other. So, most of this money came in from a direct appeal. Some came from the Cooperative Program allocation. Not quite all was mission money contributed, however. Several thousand dollars came from Baptist Record profit that was, upon order, turned into this account. Again, economies have been practiced that nothing has been said about. EVERY DOLLAR WENT WHERE IT BELONGED!

Baptist monies may not be booted about as a football! We have our word out that designated monies—100 cents on the dollar—will go to the cause for which it was given. Therefore, State Mission designated dollars may not honestly go to Christian Education, nor Christian Education dollars to the orphanage! We are surprised that an occasional brother suggests it!

A man may be free to kill a man. He had best not. Baptists may be free

to do wrong. They had best not! We believe Mississippi Baptist dollars have been honestly administered through the years. DOXOLOGY!

III

Every Christian worker has felt the effect of repressive influences as any attempt is made at worthwhile service for Christ. Jesus experienced the same! In Matthew 8:28-34, devils ask Him to leave them alone. He heals a palsied man. It seems that everyone would have been happy over this work of mercy and power. Some accuse Him of blasphemy—Matthew 9:1-8. Jesus is about to raise from the dead the daughter of Jairus. Some of the people laugh him to scorn. Matthew 9:18-26. Two blind men are then helped and a demon is cast out. Certainly the people, and in particular the religious leaders, will applaud Him in such gracious service. Rather, they accuse Him of casting out devils through the prince of the devils. Matthew 9:27-34. Jesus is instructing and preparing His disciples for a preaching mission. Surely men will gladly receive them as they journey on this heavenly mission. On the other hand, Jesus reminds them that they will be arrested, scourged and some put to death: Matt. 10:16-24. What repressive spirit! What repressive personalities! In Matthew 12:1-14, Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath day. Surely the Sabbath is a day for doing good. However, the spirit of repression manifests itself again. The Pharisees plot His destruction. Jesus leaves Jericho with a great multitude following Him. Two blind men along the way cry out for mercy. Surely some he ers among the multitude will get them to Jesus. The spirit of repression rebukes them instead. The healing ministry of Jesus goes on just the same! Matthew 20:29-34. How glad we are that Jesus did not let the repeatedly manifest repressive spirit stop Him in His blessed ministry! Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph. The multitude goes wild with joy. Certainly everyone should be happy in a circumstance like this. To the contrary, there is entirely too much enthusiasm manifest for the Pharisees, so they call upon Jesus to rebuke His disciples—Luke 19:28-40. The Holy Spirit has come in power upon the disciples. They speak so that every man regardless of language may hear and understand the news of the Gospel! Heaven has come down to earth! Three thousand persons are saved! Love abounds! The repressive spirit accuses them of drunkenness—Acts 2:1-47.

A preacher with six children, recently considering going to Clarke Memorial College for better training and an education, said he met with discouragement and repressive expressions in one place after another. Some told him he was foolish. Others told him he could not make the grade. He went, and the president of the college recently told us that he is one of the most helpful students on the campus. We ask, why are so many men repressive in nature? Why do so many put stumbling blocks in the way of the young and the old? Why are there not more healers and helpers in our midst? Why are there not more builders and boosters all around us? Why not scatter sunshine rather than darkness? Why not emanate joy rather than gloom? Why not give out encouragement rather than despair?

IV

Brethren, we try to keep our pastors' mailing list up-to-date in every possible way. There are many changes during the year. If a pastor is not on our list, he should, in case he cares to be, by all means let us know his name is not on the list. It is our desire that every pastor be on the mailing list.

Some people have been saying they want to major on evangelism. The Centennial Crusade opens wide the doors for such emphasis. If we really mean business about this soul winning business and are not bordering on blasphemy about it, we will pitch into it with head, hands and heart for Christ's sake.

We desire to thank the large number of people who called, offering their heaters in the Baptist building crises presented by the bursting of the boiler. We purchased a few heaters, as the heating equipment is largely inadequate in several of the offices.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital during 1944 has served patients from seventy-three counties of the state. Only nine counties have failed to have one or more patients in this hospital. This but adds emphasis to the fact that the institution renders a statewide service.

V

Mississippi Baptists need now to begin planning for the Centennial Crusade with its far reaching implications. We are going to look silly to our fellows, and certainly shabby to our Lord if we sinfully neglect at this point. If we double, treble, or quadruple our baptisms next year our churches will need to be in a perennial state of soul winning and evangelizing throughout 1945. Each of our 1550 churches will need to plan for two or three revivals during the year. Assign one month in soul winning effort as an extra responsibility to a Sunday school department each. Plan a study course in soul winning. Give out soul winning literature, gospels of John and New Testaments. IMPORTANT: Study minutely and follow in detail the Calendar of Activities in Centennial Crusade. It is included in a tract being sent out and also in the reproduction of a two-page Baptist Record spread of some weeks ago. Use every department of the church. Plan outside meetings in tents, arbors, schoolhouses and churchless areas. Three hundred of our 1500 churches have not been baptizing one person a year in recent years. Let every church stay on its knees and at soul winning until God hears, souls respond, and the devil flees.

In stewardship of substance, every church should enlarge its budget; conduct at least one stewardship school and one school of missions during the year. Every church should definitely secure as many tithing pledges as possible. Tracts on stewardship should be given out. Some 172 of our 1500 Mississippi Baptist churches did nothing for the cause of Christ this year. IMPORTANT: Let us begin with a great dedication day according to plans the last day of this year. Plan for a worthy part in the tremendous special offering in April. This is a vital part of Centennial Crusade plans.

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DO NOT FAIL THEM

There must be at least 100,000 women and girls who really count for Christ, out of our total of 300,000 Mississippi Baptists. If these Mississippi Baptist girls and women fail in giving adequately to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$200,000 Building Fund Campaign, they will be failing one of their own sex, who is the splendid superintendent. They will be failing the outstanding Mississippi Baptist woman of yesterday, and today, Miss Margaret Lackey, who is still on the payroll of the hospital. She served as spiritual advisor at the hospital over a period of many months. They will be failing the sick, the suffering, and the dying, who are ministered to daily, and others who cannot be ministered unto for lack of space. Wives, daughters, mothers, expectant mothers, sisters, and others of the same sex are ministered to in large numbers daily. Most of all, Mississippi Baptist girls and women will fail Christ whose ministry was largely given in physical helpfulness during His days in the flesh, upon the earth. Mississippi Baptist women and girls have a heart, and therefore, they will not fail this great cause.

PAY FOR FUNERALS

A reader writes, "Is it customary to pay ministers for conducting a funeral, and if it is, how much?"

We give below our own opinion about the matter.

It is not customary to pay for funerals in the South. It is a custom in the North. That was our experience during 22 years as a pastor.

Of course, we can only speak from the viewpoint of a Baptist pastor.

While it is on rare occasions

that a pastor is paid for a funeral there are some times when he should be paid.

Certainly no pastor would expect any pay for a funeral of any of his own church or their connections. But often he is called on to conduct the funeral of some stranger or perhaps a person who never darkened the doors of his or any church and never supported the church financially. Sometimes the deceased was openly antagonistic to the church. We feel that in such cases a funeral fee, just as a wedding fee, would not be out of order.

Again, often pastors are called on to go long distances to conduct funeral of some of their own flock. Surely no pay would be expected, but the fair thing to do under the circumstances would be to take care of reasonable expenses.

Probably every pastor who reads this remembers various trips entailing small and large expense that never even produced a "Thank you." Of course, the people were grateful, but a few words as well as actual expenses would have been better than silent thankfulness.

The reader also wants to know how much to pay for a funeral. Where payment is considered proper, we would suggest that the payee let his conscience be his guide just as he would if he were paying a wedding fee.

LET US RESOLVE

There are many good things to be said about 1944 and there are many things about it that bring a blush of shame.

Nineteen forty-four will long be remembered as the year Mississippi Baptists got out of cold, cruel, crushing debt. It saw the fellowship reach its highest point. It was the year when the greatest program in our history was planned. Finances reached an all-time high.

Yet, as we look back over the year, we can recall many sins of omission and commission. But with the beloved Paul we should be "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

No one is guiltless. As repentant and chastened children of God let us face 1945 with higher aims.

First, we should profit by the past. If we must make mistakes in 1945, let them be new ones. Do not commit the same sins. And remember that if we sin at all it is our fault for failing to use the remedy provided. Every temptation of the devil is accompanied by a way of escape. For we read in I Cor. 10:13, "... God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also

make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." We do sin, but it is because we do not use the remedy provided by a loving Father.

Second, we should seek to know more of God's word. Read and study it that we may be better grounded in its teachings. Study it not for the sake of argument, but for the good it will do us. Read it with the same interest that you would read a letter from your own father. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man, God's love letter to a lost world, God's letter to His children.

Third, determine to know God better. And better knowledge of God will cause better living and produce better Christians.

Fourth, we should seek to improve our prayer life. We know no great Christians who are not great prayers. Earthly children find no difficulty in talking to their fathers. God's children, unless sin has broken fellowship, should be as anxious to talk to Him.

Fifth, we should determine to give greater support to our pastor. Only a pastor can know the burdens that are borne and the tears that are shed by these noble men of God.

Recently we heard a helpful sermon by one of Mississippi's God-called servants. He gave the invitation and we saw the hurt look on his face as he stood watching for those who did not come. He seemed to be on the verge of tears.

Many times you meet your pastor and though he may seem outwardly calm, his heart is heavy because he is sharing the sorrows of all his people.

Sixth, 1945 should be a year of greater Christian knowledge. We should know why we are Baptists. Let us resolve to learn more about our doctrines and more about the way we are organized to "Go ye therefore, and teach ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway: even unto the end of the world."

God grant that 1945 may see us grow in grace and so live with His help that the memory of that year shall bring a feeling of satisfaction to us and the expression, "Well done," from the Heavenly Father.

This is extend to you my heartiest congratulations for the splendid edition of The Baptist Record last week in connection with the attaining of the wonderful victory of freedom from debt. It seems to me that it was entirely appropriate to make our paper last week just what was made of it. I am greatly rejoiced, and am thanking God for it, that Mississippi Baptists are now free from debt.—J. S. Riser, Jr.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

HOSPITAL CANNOT NOW TAKE ALL WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL

D. C. Simmons, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Hospital, is highly pleased with the progress being made in raising funds for the new addition to the hospital.

However, Mr. Simmons says that the campaign is lagging a little at present, possibly due to interest in the holidays. There remains much work to be done, and the need for these new rooms is so great that they should be provided at the earliest possible moment. Nothing can be done until the funds are in hand.

In a letter to the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, of which he is chairman, Dr. H. F. Garrison makes an appeal and gives facts that should stir our people to action. The letter:

"The purpose of this letter is not to suggest your duty but to present some facts that have not heretofore been presented in appealing for funds to build the annex to the Baptist Hospital at Jackson. As you know, my particular interest is in the physical welfare of infants and children. If you and others could see the many anxious mothers who suffer untold mental anguish when told there is no room in the hospital for her seriously ill child, you would then have the pathetic picture that is presented many times to physicians here and all over the state. Just this week I called and could not obtain a room for a very sick baby with pneumonia and also another who was literally choking to death from a severe throat infection. These, as well as many other mothers, are appealing to the Christian people all over this state and particularly to the members of our church to give, even more liberally than they have contemplated, to this cause.

"Practically 80% of the times when we call for hospital rooms, there are none available. This is an emergency and demands very serious consideration.

"Let us, as Christians, visualize the great need for more hospital rooms, and make our donation to this worthy cause in a most substantial manner and as missionaries, ask others to do the same."—Clarion-Ledger.

Sgt. James (Jimmy) Hitt, son of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Hitt of Clinton, and former Mississippi College athlete has been officially declared "killed in action." Sgt. Hitt, the third member of the famous Hitt athletes, was graduated from Mississippi College in 1937. While a Choctaw, Jimmy was a star in all sports, being captain of his football and baseball teams. His senior year he was all-Dixie in football and basketball. His brothers, Dick, Bruce and Joel Hitt, also flashed their athletic ability across the Choctaw sports screen. He is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Jimmy Taylor, Florence; Mrs. Jack Hollingsworth, Deming, New Mexico, and Mrs. Billy Priester, San Francisco, California.

Rev. C. C. Rinehart of Rienzi brings Christmas joy to The Baptist Record with a nice list of subscribers from Piney Grove and Kemp's Chapel and Jacinto churches.

LET US PRAY

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prayer. "These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer" (Acts 1:14).

The Bible tells how to pray, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18). The disciples, when they saw Jesus praying, asked Him "to teach" them to pray. Prayer was the basic principle in His training of the twelve. Prayer is indispensable. The people who pray and obey are the torch-bearers in any age. God never commissions the tongue until He gets the ear.

Jesus taught by precept and example that prayer is needed at any and all times. He often rose early in the morning to pray (Mark 1:35). Occasionally He prayed all night. He knew the need the prayer. He knew there was a personal devil. No one can really pray that does not believe in a personal devil. We are to ask for what is needed (in the will of God). "Ye have not because ye ask not" (James 4:2). The neglect of prayer is dangerous and sinful. It seems that God has committed Himself to the element of prayer—"If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it," that is, in the Name of His Son, not Jesus and Company but Jesus only. Our help depends on our asking. "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). We must have grace and mercy, and prayer gets both. Christmas Evans, the grand old Scotch minister, said that he had to pray two or three times night and day on account of the devil, flesh and the world. Luke calls attention to the fact of our need to take heed to ourselves lest we be overcharged with things that perish. The Psalmist felt the need of being right before ready. "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" meets the need.

It keeps us out of the pastures infested with "blind tagged weed." It is doubtful if there is anyone saved that somebody did not pray for. This places a Christian in a responsible position that cannot be neglected without tremendous disaster. To whom do we pray? "Prayer was made without ceasing of the church until God for him" (Acts 12:5). Christ handled the cross by prayer unto God, Daniel the lions, and Elijah the rain. We are commanded to pray and not to faint. Not to pray is to retire God. To pray is to put his work in his hands.

Prayer brings His blessings down. In a recent series of meetings at our church, the visiting preacher said to me, "There is something wrong here." I said, "Have you any suggestion as to the remedy?" He said prayer would move it. I called an all night prayer meeting on Saturday night at his suggestion. Various groups had charge and quite a number attended. The next day there were twenty conversions and six fine young men surrendered for the gospel ministry. Twenty-seven young people decided to do special service for Christ. The church was greatly revived when the people pray. Only a true revival can save the situation now. Unconditional surrender to the will of God and prayer, deep repentance, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, can bring salvation.

Let us observe United Prayer Week,

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD WILL FINANCE HISTORICAL MOVIE

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committee was about to adjourn, Dr. Holcomb offered, subject to the approval of his Board, that if the Sunday School Board was allowed to own the picture, having sole rights to its distribution, the Board would finance its production. In less time than it takes to tell, the committee snapped up this generous offer, which was later approved by the full Board. Drs. Dillard, J. W. Marshall, Louie D. Newton, and Dr. Holcomb were authorized to make all arrangements for the production of the picture, and the officers of the Executive Committee, President J. Howard Williams, Oklahoma City, Secretary-Treasurer Walter M. Gilmore, and Executive Secretary Austin Crouch, Nashville, were authorized to sign the contract when satisfactory arrangements are made with some production company.

Dr. W. R. White Resigns

Dr. W. R. White has resigned as editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas. Dr. White came to the Board a year and a half ago from the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, to succeed Dr. Hight C. Moore, who was retiring. A full meeting of the board has been called for January 10 to elect his successor.

In offering his resignation Dr. White assured the board that he was not taking this step because of any lack of co-operation or the finest fellowship on the part of his associates, but because of an irresistible urge to preach the gospel and to accept the challenging opportunities presented in Austin, the capital city of his native state, where he may minister to the student life of the great University of Texas and other institutions.

Perry Morgan Resigns

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board in Nashville December 14, Perry Morgan resigned his position as general manager of the Ridgecrest Assembly on account of his health. However, Mr. Morgan will continue his connection with the assembly. He is simply relinquishing his exacting executive duties.

It is expected that Mr. Morgan's successor will be elected at the called meeting of the board in Nashville January 10.

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE EXPANDS FOREIGN COVERAGE

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continent. Our correspondent will go from country to country and will tell the complete story of what happened to the churches under Nazi occupation, and what their plans are for reconstruction and future work.

Another special correspondent will later be sent into Germany with the single assignment of reporting what happened to the German churches under Hitler, their future plans, what they propose to do to re-educate the German people along peaceful lines, future relations between church and state, and similar issues.

LOUIS MINSKY,

Managing Editor.

Editor's note: In order to give our readers the very best news coverage, The Baptist Record subscribes for this service.

January 1-5, thereby laying the foundations for revival.

THE JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS—ITS ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

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results of such conferences and negotiations."

The following year, the Northern Baptist Convention set up a like committee to co-operate with the one appointed by Southern Baptists. The National Convention, Incorporated, took a similar action in 1939. Thus over ten million Baptists are working together for the common end of preserving their rights and of extending religious liberty throughout the world.

The Joint Conference Committee as organized is in position to do certain things for the Baptists of America which no single Baptist Convention (whether Southern, Northern or National) is authorized to do. Obviously no single Convention or agency thereof is in position to act for the Baptists of America on anything which is related to the Baptists as a whole. And if the Joint Conference Committee was needed eight years ago, today that need has vastly increased. At the meeting of the committee in Washington, D. C., on September 28 last, the creation of the following subcommittees was voted: Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Committee on World Situations, and Committee on Domestic Issues. The function of these committees is signified in their names.

The work thus far accomplished by the joint committee is impressive. The persecution of the Baptists in Romania, the destruction of mission property in China by the Japanese, the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican without the approval of the Senate, the endorsement of Baptist chaplains, the endeavor to include all employed by churches and religious institutions within the framework of the social security act, the use of tax funds in aiding parochial schools, and the proposed legislation that limited free speech, a free press and the freedom of religion have been some of the matters that required the efforts of the committee. In addition to these things a large number of pamphlets have been published and widely distributed touching various phases of Baptist life and work.

The names of the members of the joint committee together with their respective conventions are as follows: The Southern Convention—E. Hilton Jackson (chairman), E. F. Campbell, E. H. De Groot, Jr., N. I. Gressit, T. L. Holcomb, J. B. Lawrence, Charles E. Maddry, Pat Neff, Louie D. Newton, J. T. Watts, Rufus W. Weaver, L. L. Gwaltney. Northern Baptist Convention—W. S. Abernathy, C. W. Crawford, W. W. Everett, C. M. Gallup, J. C. Hazen, G. G. Johnson, William B. Lippard, Gordon Palmer, Gordon Poteat, E. H. Pruden, Jesse R. Wilson. National Baptist Convention, Inc.—J. B. Adams, H. H. Butler, C. B. Hubert, D. V. Jemison, O. C. Maxwell, J. M. Nabritt, E. A. Wilson. National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated—To be appointed. Both the Northern and Southern Conventions enlarged their committees at their last sessions but the names of the new members are not remembered by the writer.

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We welcome the following letter from Mrs. J. W. Lowrey, Rt. 2, Pittsboro: "I have gotten a club of subscriptions at Oak Grove church, in Calhoun county. We wish to receive The Baptist Record for the coming year."



NEW B. B.-I. TEACHER

Dr. Frank Stagg will become associate professor of New Testament at the Baptist Bible Institute, January 1, 1945. He comes from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, of De Ridder, Louisiana.

Dr. Stagg is a graduate of Louisiana College. He received his Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the Southern Seminary, where he served as fellow in Greek New Testament. He was the founder, and pastor for four years, of the Highland Baptist Mission, of Louisville, Kentucky, while a student there.

Dr. and Mrs. Stagg are native Louisianians. Both come from prominent Baptist families in the state. Dr. Stagg's grandfather, Etienne Stagg, and his brother, Adolphe Stagg were converted from Roman Catholicism in their young manhood.

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Miss Thelma Williams, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident, writes from the Christian Hospital in Jorhat, Assam, India, that she is greatly improved and has every prospect of a full recovery. She expected to be at work again December 1.

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A Suggestion to the Stewardship Chairman

"I have a stewardship entrusted to me,"—the words of the great missionary Apostle—are appropriate as our Centennial motto. If our Centennial becomes to Southern Baptist women and young people "the first step toward a glorious and permanent missionary advance," the stewardship chairmen of our Union must recognize their responsibility and assume their obligation.

We suggest that societies, organized according to the circle plan, use these "Stewardship Month by Month" suggestions in the circles.

Every woman should have a small stewardship scrapbook, pocketbook size. She should bring this scrap book to the circle or society meeting each month. The stewardship chairman should make available on blackboard or in poster form or on mimeographed slips the Scripture references and the poems. Urge the women to search for other appropriate Scriptures, stewardship quotations, gripping illustrations under each heading. At the close of the year, have an exhibit of these stewardship scrap books. The best scrap book should be placed on exhibit at the next group meeting. The best scrap book thus exhibited should be sent to the associational meeting. The best scrap book exhibited in the associational meeting should be sent to the state stewardship chairman for exhibit at the state meeting. Let 1945 be our greatest stewardship year. For "I have a stewardship entrusted to me."

STEWARDSHIP MONTH BY MONTH 1945

January—God is the Owner

"Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound retreat?
To arm with weapons weak and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of Truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?"

"Is this the time to halt, when all around horizons lift,
New destinies confront, stern duties wait our mission,
Never want to play the laggard when God's Will is found?"

"No! Rather, strengthen stakes and lengthen cords.
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time.
The earth with all its fulness is the Lord's.
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is—Whose power sublime."

The Scripture—Genesis 1:1; Psalm 50:10, 12; Psalm 24:1; I Chronicles 29:14, 15.

A Stewardship Cameo—"We have a multimillionaire to back us up," wrote one of the greatest missionary leaders of the twentieth century. "He gave me a check book free and urged me to draw upon Him. He is the wealthiest person in the

world. He said the Head of the Firm promised to supply all our need. He assured me His Firm clothes the grass of the fields, preserves the sparrow, counts the hairs of children's heads."

Celebrating the Centennial Mrs. C. D. Creasman

One hundred years ago—in 1845—in Augusta, Ga., the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. So, in this year—in 1945—Southern Baptists are celebrating their centennial with rejoicing and many forward looking plans. For a whole year they will think Centennial, talk Centennial, promote Centennial plans and work toward Centennial goals. In the pulpits, in all conventions, assemblies and camps, over the radio, in denominational papers and magazines—whenever and wherever Southern Baptists congregate or listen or read, the Centennial will be the absorbing theme. On May 8, the exact month and the exact day of the organization a hundred years before, a great Centennial Convention will open in Atlanta, Ga., where by pageant and pantomime, speech and song, the history of a century will be made to Augusta to view the very place where occurred the momentous events of one hundred years ago.

Since C is the Roman numeral for 100 and the initial letter of century and centennial, Woman's Missionary Union has adopted the letter C as the Centennial Emblem, using as a slogan for the celebration "Consecrating the Centennial to Christ." Three words beginning with C suggest ways in which Young Woman's Auxiliary can celebrate the Centennial.

Members of YWA can celebrate as they commemorate Southern Baptist history. Young women will enjoy going back to that organization meeting in Augusta one hundred years ago, to sit with those 328 delegates from eight southern states and the District of Columbia, as with great courage and vision they organized the Southern Baptist Convention. Then, it will be thrilling to follow the path of history through the century as this convention has grown from a small beginning to become not only the greatest groups of evangelical Christians in the world. As they follow this thrilling history path, they will see how the two mission boards, organized in 1845, have through the years sent out thousands of missionaries to establish a great Baptist work in the home land, Cuba, Panama and in 16 foreign mission fields. They will see how through other boards and commissions important seminaries, training schools, colleges and hospitals have been established, old ministers and orphan children have been cared for and a marvelous work in the publication and distribution of denominational literature has been achieved. They will see how within the Southern Baptist Convention organizations have developed for different purposes—Woman's Missionary Union, the Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Brotherhood, Baptist Student Union. On this path of history young

women will have the privilege of walking with such notable characters as Dr. John A. Broadus, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Dr. R. J. Williamson and Dr. George W. Truett; with Mrs. Graves, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Fannie E. S. Heck. With such a commemoration, young women will realize that Southern Baptists are as those "whose yesterdays look backward with a smile."

Members of YWA will celebrate as they cooperate. W. M. U. Centennial plans include special emphasis on the Cooperative Program. Instead of launching a special financial campaign for some particular cause, the goal is to make a net increase 100 times \$5,000, which is one half million dollars, in undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program—that plan by which Southern Baptists cooperate in the support of all missionary, educational and benevolent causes. Members of Y. W. A. will help to reach this goal as they make larger their Sunday gifts through the Cooperative Program, by whatever plan is used in their churches.

Woman's Missionary Union plans to make its cooperative power in the convention larger and stronger by enlisting more members in W. M. U. organizations. The enlistment goal includes 100 times 100, or ten thousand new members in W. M. U. young people's organizations. Members of YWA must help by enlisting every Baptist young woman in YWA.

Members of YWA will celebrate as they consecrate themselves to the great cause of world-wide missions. The consecration of Southern Baptists in the past has brought them to this year of glorious achievement. Greater consecration will lead to still greater victories. Young women must join whole heartedly in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade as they become personal soul winners, doing their part toward winning a million lost souls during the centennial year. Then they must make the year a time of renewed dedication of themselves, with all they are and all they have to the mission of winning the lost to Christ through all the world.

Members of YWA are young. While this Centennial invites you to glance backward with gratitude for a glorious Southern Baptist history, its real message to YWA's is to go forward to still greater achievements. The future of Southern Baptists rests with its young people. Yours must be the hands that will carry the gleaming torch of past victories into a new century of more glorious shining. Yours must be the hearts which, inspired by the consecration of noble men and women of the past, will rise to reach still greater heights of devoted service, in a greater Southern Baptist future.

So, as we stand on the threshold of this year, members of YWA are called to help by commemoration, cooperation and consecration in the celebration of a challenging, climaxing and crowning Centennial crusade.—The Window of Y. W. A.

Juniper Grove Baptist Church was given a piano as a Christmas gift by Mrs. D. Wade Smith.

REVIEW OF DR. B. FRANK SMITH'S CHRISTIAN BAPTISM A Historical Study of the Changes In Its Mode and Meaning

In his Christian Baptism, a Historical Study of the Changes in Its Mode and Meaning, Dr. B. Frank Smith has rendered an invaluable service to the world of scholarship. Dr. Smith earned his doctorate in the Department of Church History at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The book is exactly what its subtitle suggests. In the introductory chapter explanations are given as to the nature of the treatise and the problems to be faced. Beginning in the second chapter with the New Testament usage and interpretations, the succeeding chapters deal with the development of the ceremony until the present time.

Chapter six presents an excellent abstract of current opinion which the author secured from replies to a questionnaire which he sent to one hundred fifty ministers, teachers, and officials of the twelve leading denominations in America. Excellent returns were secured, and the information has been summarized in a highly efficient and interesting manner.

Ministers, teachers, and Bible students in general will revel in the vast quantity and high quality of the source of materials at their disposal in this volume of about 200 pages. Those who want to study this very interesting subject further will feel deeply indebted to the author for the exhaustive bibliography. Excellent topical and scriptural indexes make it easy to find material in the book. This volume is not written in a technical manner. Dr. Smith has a style of writing which is informative and at the same time entertaining.

The book is published by the Bible Institute Press, New Orleans, and priced at \$1.50. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or direct from the author in Magnolia, Miss.

HOWARD E. SPELL,
Department of Religion,
Mississippi College.

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SGT. L. C. NATIONS

Sgt. L. C. Nations was wounded in the invasion in France on June 11. He reported back to duty on July 22 and was killed in action August 18 in France. He entered service October 14, 1942, and received his training at Camp Barkley, Texas; Camp Grant, California, and Fort Dix, New Jersey, before he went overseas in March, 1944. The Purple Heart, which was awarded him, has been sent home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Nations, of Rt. 1, Hazlehurst. Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters and eight brothers, two of whom are serving their country on foreign soil. Sgt. Nations was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Copiah county, and will be greatly missed.

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Friendship church, Kreole: Rev. J. F. Brock, pastor, First church, Moss Point, recently preached the ordination sermon for J. Bennett and A. Bosarge, newly-elected deacons.—Mrs. O. S. Koske, reporter.



DR. W. A. HEWITT

Mississippi's Largest Baptist Church Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

The First Baptist Church of Jackson, the largest Baptist church in the state, has joined the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches.

Last year a group of loyal laymen made up a purse of \$500 so that the Record could be sent to 500 families. Now that the church debt is greatly reduced, The Baptist Record has been placed in the budget.

While the list is not yet complete, approximately 900 families will get this week's Record and other names will be added as soon as they are available.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt is the beloved pastor of this great church and is now beginning his 23th year as pastor.

Record readers in Hinds county are now listed as follows: BETHESDA 50, BOLTON 25, BYRAM 18, CALVARY 859, CHAPEL HILL 33, CLINTON 165, DANIEL 44, DAVIS MEMORIAL 132, Edward 3, GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 353, JACKSON FIRST 896, LEARNED 14, NORTH SIDE, JACKSON 102, PALESTINE 11, PARKWAY 175, POCAHONTAS 21, RAYMOND 58, SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 61, UTICA 68, NEW HAVEN 25, MT. MORGAN 17, VAN WINKLE 131, TERRY 68, SALEM 31, SIWEL 24, MIDWAY 7.

Rock Branch Is In

Dr. J. L. Boyd, pastor of Rock Branch church, knows the value of The Baptist Record. Rock Branch is one of the latest to join the growing list of Baptist Record churches.

Newton county Record readers are listed as follows: SULPHUR SPRINGS 16, BETHEL 17, BEULAH 34, CENTER RIDGE 15, CHUNKY 25, CLARKE-VENABLE 89, CONHETTA 34, GOOD HOPE 16, HICKORY 73, LAWRENCE 14, LIBERTY 45, Little Rock 5, MT. NEBO 10, MIDWAY 16, Mt. Pleasant 1, MT. VERNON 26, NEWTON 163, OAKLAND 14, PINKNEY 36, POPLAR SPRINGS 20, CROSS ROADS 23, PROVIDENCE 25, Roberts 1, ROCK BRANCH 19, ROCK HILL 16, STRATTON 12, UNION FIRST 152, NEW IRELAND 22, Hopewell 3, NEW FELLOWSHIP 18, PLEASANT HILL 39, NEW PROSPECT 12.

West Point: We have 235 who have signed the tithers' cards. Leon Macon, pastor.



DR. J. D. FRANKS

First Church Columbus Joins EVERY FAMILY Group

For years, Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, and many of the members of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, have wanted The Baptist Record on, the EVERY FAMILY Plan. But a heavy church debt prevented its adoption. Recently the debt was retired (an account of the dedication will appear in next week's Record) and the finance committee promptly recommended that The Baptist Record be placed in the budget. Thus one of the largest Baptist churches in Mississippi joins the more than 700 other churches, large and small, that send the Record to all their resident families.

Lowndes county now has Record readers listed as follows: ARTESIA 16, CALVARY 42, COLUMBUS FIRST 539, EAST END 71, Mayhew 9, MT. VERNON 48, Caledonia 1, PLEASANT HILL 38, New Salem 1, MT. ZION 22, KOLOLO SPRINGS 11.

North Columbia Sends List

Through Mrs. Rex Pittman, North Columbia has sent a list of 15 subscriptions. This is good for a church of only 70 members. Rev. Earl Cooper is pastor.

Record readers in Marion county are now listed as follows: BUNKER HILL 94, Columbia First 15, Foxworth 14, EAST COLUMBIA 51, GOSS 71, GREENVILLE 83, IMPROVE 50, KOMO 50, OLOH 45, Hickory Grove 8, NEW HOPE 30, Hub 1, NORTH COLUMBIA 15, EDNA 27.

Reader Likes Sample, Sends Subscription

The Baptist Record recently received a letter from which we quote: "I am sending you my subscription for Baptist Record. Please start it next Thursday. I have been getting it from one of my friends to read every week and I like it so much that I will be glad to have it come every week."

Other Mississippi Baptists should pass their copies of the Record on to friends and neighbors. When they realize its value they will want it regularly.

Received your letter that my subscription to The Baptist Record was out. It is with sad regret that I will have to discontinue my subscription on account of I can't see to read. You know I am 83 years old and in ill health. But keep the good work going.



EVANGELIST PAUL BROOKES
LEATH PREACHES IN
PERKINSON REVIVAL

Recently the Perkinson Baptist Church had Evangelist Paul Brookes Leath, Fort Worth and New Orleans, as their visiting preacher for their fall revival. Bro. Leath is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southwestern Seminary and is now doing graduate work at the Baptist Bible Institute. He preached simple gospel messages that stirred the hearts of all those who heard him.

A splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by the elementary school, the junior college, and the people of the community made it possible for large crowds to attend both morning and evening services. There were 19 additions, of which 11 came upon profession of faith.

Since Bro. Leath is a newcomer in our midst and is yet unknown to most of the brethren, I should like to take this opportunity of recommending him to Mississippi Baptists as a sane, constructive, and deeply-spiritual evangelist. The Perkinson Baptist Church received a great spiritual blessing from his ministry with us.—Fred B. Moseley, pastor.

PASTOR ADVOCATES REGROUPING CHURCHES

One of the most important needs confronting Mississippi Baptists at this time is the re-grouping of churches so that those having fourth and half-time preaching can have the benefit of closer relationship with their pastors. Many churches are pastorless at the present time, others are being served by pastors who live too far away to do any visitation to speak of, or help in building up the membership. In many instances a pastor travels twenty-five to fifty miles or more to serve a church, and on his way he passes by churches that are from three to ten miles from his home but served by pastors who live many miles away. As a result of this situation hundreds of church members are receiving no development as Christians, nor are they being trained in the privileges and duties of church membership. A plan could easily be worked out whereby one pastor could serve three churches making his home near the church that is most centrally located, and plan his work so as to be in each church for one service every Sunday. In this way the work could be soon built up in a remarkable way, fourth time churches would become half and half full time, and the results in soul winning and finances alone would compensate for whatever adjustments it had been necessary to make.

Surely there is no better time than

DR. ANDERSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL

The Baptist Bible School of Hawaii, 2323 University Avenue, Honolulu, an institution of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has enrolled 85 students in its fourth annual session which opened in September.

Dr. Maurice J. Anderson, former professor of Bible and Greek in the Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri, and an alumnus of the Baptist Bible Institute, who recently arrived as a missionary, was elected as president and was formally installed at the opening exercises held September 22.

With emphasis on evening classes a student body consisting of university students, business young people, and servicemen has been enrolled. Although Oriental Baptist young people are in a majority, the school has enrolled a number of Negroes and Caucasians, and a number from several other denominations. Quite a number of the young men are students for the ministry, and several of the women are preparing for definite Christian service.

In addition to administration duties, Dr. Anderson is professor of New Testament, Greek, and homiletics. Other faculty members are: Edwin B. Dozier, formerly of Japan, professor of Old Testament; Victor Koon, formerly of Manchuria, professor of music and theology; Miss Clarabel Isdell, formerly of China, professor of religious education and evangelism, and Miss Miriam Thomas, who recently arrived from the Berkeley Language School, professor of missions and church history. In the city of Wahiawa, Rev. James D. Belote, pastor of the Wahiawa Baptist Church, is teacher of an extension class in Old Testament. On the island of Kauai Miss Gene Greer, who recently arrived from the Berkeley Language School, is teaching an extension class in New Testament.

(Editor's note: Dr. Anderson was pastor at Bogue Chitto during his B. B. I. days. Dr. Belote married a Mississippi girl, Miss Bigham of Sumner.)

now for Baptists to get together and eliminate the lost motion that is hindering the progress of kingdom work. Our opposition to organic unity should not blind us to the need of greater unity among ourselves.—J. H. Pennebaker, Sumner, Miss.

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Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$200,000.00 Building Fund Campaign



D. C. Simmons
Chairman Mississippi Baptist
Hospital Board of Trustees

Mr. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, successful and outstanding Christian business man, is chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees. Much of the success of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital is due to his wise leadership. Those directing the present \$200,000 building fund campaign for this institution stated that in good measure the general accord given this campaign is due to the confidence Mississippi Baptists and their many friends have in Mr. Simmons.



BAPTIST HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This executive group along with Mrs. Gilfoy, supervisor, administers the affairs of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. They stand out as successful Christian men and women in their personal affairs. They are loyal church people! They give much of their time in conducting the affairs of the hospital. Much of its success is due to their untiring efforts. Members above are: D. C. Simmons, Mrs. S. E. Lackey, Sr., J. D. Walker, Dr. J. P. Wall, T. W. Green, W. C. Howard, Will Westbrook, G. W. Covington, J. S. Love, W. Jacobs. Others on the board are: Mrs. J. F. Kent and Rush Knox.



Mrs. Gilfoy

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, successful business and professional woman, is superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, which is now in the midst of a great campaign to raise \$200,000 for necessary expansion to provide room for patients. Reports reveal that approximately \$50,000 in charity work was done last year by this great institution of healing. Churches and individuals are sending gifts through Baptist headquarters, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., and to the hospital, and effort is being made to complete the campaign in January.

—ADDITIONAL DIVISIONAL DIRECTORS NAMED—



C. J. Olander of Morgan City has accepted the appointment as Delta Division director of the Hospital Campaign and his division will probably set a fine pace in the total gifts before the end of January. The Delta always does its part.



C. Z. Holland of Canton accepted the district work because he believed so strongly in the need of the hospital expansion, and will receive the support he merits as he contacts churches in central Mississippi.



S. E. Sumrall of Bay Springs has undertaken the leadership of the hospital \$200,000 campaign in one of the largest areas, and will be able to report excellent results before the close of January.



J. B. Ray of New Albany has charge of the north Mississippi division and is working toward a fine report in January.

YAZOO COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS MEET FOR BANQUET

The Yazoo County Sunday School Associational Officers met at the Lamar Hotel, Yazoo City, Friday night, December 15, for a special dinner and get-together to make plans for their work in 1945.

Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, who is general superintendent of the Sunday school work in Yazoo county, presided. Rev. Wilkes presented plans for the new year, which were discussed and adopted by the officers.

The following officers attended: Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, superintendent; J. A. Sweaney, associate superinten-

dent; Mrs. Morris Breland, secretary; Mr. J. F. Atkinson, Satartia, superintendent of adults; Mr. V. R. Netherland, Eden, superintendent of young people; Mrs. Ward Pepper, Black Jack, superintendent of Juniors; Mrs. J. J. Mims, Oil City, superintendent of Beginners; Mrs. Wm. Ware, Oil City, superintendent of the Cradle Roll department, and Mr. W. C. Cates, Providence, superintendent of extension department. Mr. E. M. Wallace, superintendent of Intermediates; Mrs. W. C. Kinard, Providence, superintendent of the Primary department, and Mrs. V. R. Netherland, Eden, superintendent of the Daily Vacation Bible school department, were absent.

Artesia: The largest congregation in years was present on Christmas Eve night at the Baptist church to witness a Christmas program which was rendered by the Baptist and Methodist choirs, supplemented by a boys' chorus. The large choir was robed in white and the choir loft was appropriately decorated in red and green. Included in the program of Christmas music was a Yuletide story, Scripture reading and prayer. It was a service long to be remembered here. Joe Abrams is our pastor.—Reporter.

Foxworth: We wish to express to the people of Foxworth Baptist Church our appreciation for everything that has been done for our comfort. Upon our arrival in your midst

we found the pastor's home furnished with furniture, beds, linens, shades, curtains, groceries in the pantry and even a nice warm meal waiting on the table. Again we wish to say "Thank you."—Your pastor and family, B. E. Padgett.

Hazlehurst: The offering for the Baptist Hospital Enlargement Fund last Sunday was \$1,228.50. One large gift accounted for most of this amount; and we confidently expect that many of our other members will make a contribution in due time. We venture the hope that in the course of the campaign our church will give at least \$2,000.

Rev. L. O. Deweese has resigned at Mount Vernon, Lauderdale county.

THE LITTLE BAPTIST

BY J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.—Editor.)

THE LITTLE BAPTIST CHAPTER XV Sunday—The Sermon—The Baptism

Sunday was a beautiful day; the sun shone with all its brightness; the sky overhead was serene and blue, and the green leaves, rustling in the breeze, made the day surprisingly delightful.

Col. Brown, with his entire family, was early at the church; and, at the appointed time, the pastor entered the stand, introducing the service by the usual preliminaries, and announced as a text, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates of the city."—Rev. 22:4. He stated that the subject of the discussion was: "The Christian's Right to the Tree of Life." "Man," said he, "was lost in the Garden of Eden, as a consequence of his disobedience to the command of his Maker. He was driven from the garden, and a flaming sword, which turned every way, was placed to guard the way against man's approach to the Tree of Life. This was doubtless an evergreen tree, pointed out to man as an emblem of eternal life. The flaming sword in the hands of Justice was an emblem of the wrath of God, because of man's transgressions. God's law had been violated, His sovereign authority spurned; and Justice demanded satisfaction before man should again approach the Tree of Life and live forever. The decree of God had gone forth: 'Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.' The dust shalt return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God who gave it.' Man must yield to this immutable decree and give up this mortal life and unassisted by Mercy, his spirit must return to God, only to be banished from His presence. But, 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' Christ fulfilled the law by a life of strict obedience to all of its moral requirements; offered Himself a sacrifice for man's transgression, and gave His own life as the price for man's redemption. Christ honored the law, and died in man's stead, that God might remain just, and man be saved. Possessing both a human and divine nature, qualified Him for mediation between God and man. He suffered on the cross until Justice was satisfied, then, crying out, 'It is finished,' Justice and Mercy met together, and Righteousness and Peace kissed each other before the altar of His sufferings. He died for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. He has become the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him, and the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

"Yet, although Christ offered a meritorious sacrifice, and Justice demands no more, the flaming sword is not removed. It yet guards the way to the Tree of Life (through the law) as before. The law yet claims its penalties of all transgressors; it must



DRUMMOND IS OLIVE BRANCH PASTOR

W. C. (Bill) Drummond, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee and a 1941 graduate of Mississippi College has accepted the pastorate at Olive Branch. He began his work on October 22. Rev. Drummond received the Th.M. degree from the Louisville Seminary last May. While a seminary student he served as pastor of Mt. Nebo church. During his college days he did youth revival work in Mississippi and Louisiana, was a member of the debating team and the B. S. U. Council. At the seminary he served as social chairman and as president of the Mississippi group.

Mrs. Pearl Marie Anderson of the Woolmarket church, Biloxi, sends four more subscriptions to be added to their church list. They now have 16.

have a perfect obedience, else none can gain access by its authority; but Christ, rendering this obedience and becoming the end of the law, has opened up 'through the gospel a new and living way. Christ said, 'I am the way'; and when the old prophet Isaiah, had a vision of this way, it appear to him so plain that he said 'the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.' Yes, this way is plain. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Faith leads to love and obedience. 'Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.' This way is said to be narrow, yet it is plain and clear of obstructions. It is so easy of access that whosoever is willing to walk therein may readily find it. But it must be entered through the strait gate of self-denial. This is only difficult because just on the other hand, the broad road, that leads to destruction is entered by the wide gate of self-indulgence.

"Would you walk in this new way that has been opened to the Tree of Life, and escape the edge of the flaming sword? Then enter in with humility and prayer; enter in with repentance and faith, and such faith as produces love and willing obedience to all the commands of Christ. When He came out of the baptismal waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit, in the likeness of a dove, came down to attest that He is the Son of God, and after His conference with Moses and Elias, on the Mount of Transfiguration, had ended, a voice from the cloud was heard saying: 'This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him.' Those who hear



SILVER CREEK WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Rev. C. E. Spain of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, La., has accepted the call of the Calvary Baptist Church at Silver Creek to become pastor and preached his first sermon for this church on Sunday, Sept. 10. He is also serving as pastor of the Hepzibah and Arm Baptist Churches. He is cordially welcomed to his new field.

He and his wife and two children moved recently into the Baptist parsonage at Silver Creek and have been accorded a gracious welcome there.

Mr. Spain succeeds Rev. H. B. Speights as pastor of Calvary, Hepzibah and Arm churches. Mr. Speights resigned this work to accept a call to the Tate church at Corinth.

Rev. Spain is a native of Petersburg, Va., an A. B. graduate of Richmond (Va.) College and took his theological training at the Baptist Bible Institute.

(Editor's note: His first letter to the Record enclosed an EVERY FAMILY list.)

and obey the Son of God shall have a right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates of the city. The Christian will enter heaven by a right derived from Jesus Christ. His followers have a title to heaven that is sealed with the blood of the everlasting covenant; and as an earnest of their inheritance, they have the Holy Spirit to bear witness that their rights are secure."

The sermon of which this is but a brief outline, was closed with a glowing description of the holy city, the new Jerusalem, which the lovers of Jesus shall one day enjoy. The effect on the congregation was almost magical. All were electrified by the eloquence of the speaker; and the subject had taken hold on the minds of very many present. There was many a "weeping Mary," and "trembling Jailer," ready to inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" and not a few of the old hardened sinners were made to feel their need of salvation, and with Agrippa of old, to say, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." The full results of the sermon will be known only in eternity.

The pastor then requested all who desired to witness the administration of baptism, to repair to the ford of the little river, but a short walk from the church. "This," said he, "might have been as well latteded to here at the church, as we have a baptistry that affords water sufficient for the purpose, but the young lady to be baptized prefers going to the river, as it more resembles the earliest customs of the disciples. It is some more

trouble, to be sure; but a little inconvenience should never be weighed in the scale against duty. I am, myself, partial to baptizing in a river, or a place of much water, because it seems more fully to follow in the footsteps of my Master, who, in my imagination, I can see going down the banks of the river Jordan, where His forerunner, John the Baptist, laid Him beneath the yielding wave, and raised Him up again, thereby prefiguring His death and resurrection."

Arriving at the water, the pastor took an eligible position, and announced that the church was present and ready to hear the profession of faith of any other person who might feel disposed to confess Christ before the world, by being baptized in His name, and after His example. That it was the duty of all Christians to obey the commands of Christ, and that baptism is the first duty enjoined after believing and realizing pardon. Mrs. Brown went forward; told something of her experience from the time of her conviction for sin, until she found peace by trusting in Christ. She referred to the trials she had encountered on her Christian journey, and especially of her change of views relative to baptism, which had led her to pursue the course that she was then taking. What she had received for baptism had failed to bring the answer of a good conscience toward God, and she wished to be baptized, after the example given by Christ.

All knew her to be an exemplary Christian, and the church was unanimous in her reception.

Mr. Coleman was not a controversialist; whatever he believed he preached as truth, and not a debatable question. He would give his own views in plain terms, but seldom alluded to the views of others, or even intimated that others differed from him. His motto was: "Preach the truth, and error will give way before it."

"Here are two sisters," said he, "who have come forward to receive baptism at the hands of this church. This is the way that a public profession of discipleship of Christ is made. They are here to submit to the initiatory rite of a Christian church—to take the oath of allegiance to the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Baptism does not originate the obligation to serve Christ, but it is a public acknowledgement of it. It must be a voluntary, personal act, else it fails to be obedience. It does not actually wash away sin, but is emblematical of it. It is a symbolical illustration of death and the resurrection. The body is buried beneath the waves, emblematical of dying and going from sight; it is raised again, typifying the resurrection from the dead. As a declarative action, baptism signifies a death to sin and a resurrection to a new life; it also declares the believer's faith in a once dead, but risen, Saviour. It declares our faith, that though our bodies must die and be buried or hid from sight, they shall yet, but the power of God, come forth again in the Saviour's likeness. Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament; it belongs exclusively to the Christian gospel dispensation. The authority to perform it, is just as binding on believers as any other command of the gospel. Would we be faithful to our Master, we must neglect none of His commandments. Here are two persons that have had water poured or sprinkled on them, but this has failed to satisfy their

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THE OLD YEAR IS NOT DEAD

The old year is not dead—it has passed into eternity
And always it will live! The words of love we said,
The tasks performed in charity, a rich fruition give.

The old year is not lost—the precious gems of truth we learned
And strength of soul attained, the values, that we cherished most,
For our future lives are earned: we'll keep these things we've gained.

The old year is not gone—some treasured memories abide.
Its dreams are with us still. The failures are a steppingstone—
Its prayers are working far and wide and God will all its hopes fulfill!

A happy New Year to you all, and may you have new courage, new faith,
new vision, new desires, new opportunities and new zeal to enter with deter-
mined will to make 1945 YOUR best year for Christ thus far.

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BETHEL IN COPIAH HAS AN ALL DAY MEETING

It was the pleasure of your state secretary to spend the day with twenty-
five of the members of the Bethel Training Union, Copiah Association, on
Saturday, December 9th. Beginning at ten, stopping at twelve for lunch, then
running again from one to three-thirty, every one was busy discussing better
plans for the Training Union and each unit organization. Pastor M. P. Jones
said it was a helpful day and all seemed to be glad they had had the fellow-
ship of such a meeting.

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into the realm of eternal peace and hap-
piness leaving us behind to daily realize,
more and more, our great loss in his
going, but we humbly submit to God's
will.

His life was an exemplification of
everything that is good and true and
pure. He finished his work here and
is going to company with those who
followed the Christ he so faithfully
served.

We are sure he heard the words of the
heavenly Father as He said, "Well done,
thou good and faithful servant" and
"Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."
The memory of his life, so filled with
worthy ideals and kindly deeds, will
linger in our hearts through many years
to come.

His was a life devoted to his Lord,
his church, his home and friends. As
long as his physical strength lasted, he
was to be found working at the Lord's
business.

He leaves behind a rich heritage to
those nearest and dearest to him, and
his noble example will ever serve as a
guiding light, to those who knew him, to
help them follow the Savior more
closely.

Whereas he served this church so
faithfully and efficiently for twenty-five
years as Sunday school superintendent,

And whereas he served this church as
deacon, filling the office well, and for
several years filling the office of chair-
man of the Board of Deacons;

Therefore be it resolved that we, the
members of the Flora Baptist Church,
do hereby express our sincere sorrow in
his death.

Be it further resolved that a copy of
these resolutions be sent to the family;
that a copy be sent to The Baptist Rec-
ord, and that a copy be placed in the
minutes of the Madison County Associa-
tion.

Flora Baptist Church.

—BR—

Booneville: The November meeting
of the Business Women's Circle fea-
tured the autumn motif. The house
was decorated with autumn leaves and
the lunch included nut-filled cups
made from autumn leaves. Missions
in South America was the theme of
the meeting. Mrs. Clyde Carter is the
circle leader. Mrs. L. H. Stutts was
program leader.

OUR FIRST STANDARD STORY
HOUR

We are glad to present here Mrs.
John Collums of Houlika, Miss. And
we are also glad to announce that the
Houlika Story Hour, of which Mrs.
Collums is leader, is the first in Mis-
sissippi to receive the A-1 award for
having reached the standard set up
for the Story Hour.

CLINTON HAS TRAINING SCHOOL
WITH ALL OUTSIDE FACULTY

The first week in December was
the week set aside by the Clinton
church for a Training school for the
unions. Dr. Newport, the pastor and
Mr. Bennie Loyd, the assistant to the
pastor, planned for an all outside
faculty. Jackson talent was secured
and each evening a car came from
Clinton to pick up the faculty. Misses
Edith Taylor, educational director,
Parkway Baptist Church; Nella Dean
Mitchell, office secretary, Training Union department, and Martha Milstead,
student in Draughns Business College, taught the young people, Intermediates
and Juniors, respectively. The adults were led by State Secretary Auber J.
Wilds. Three evenings the intermission period was given to the showing of a
moving picture, "The Good Samaritan"; Friday night, after exams, a splendid
social was enjoyed. An average of 88 marked the attendance. Dr. D. M.
Nelson, the busy president of Mississippi College, a regular member of the
B. A. U., was a member of the adult class. It was declared by all to be a help-
ful program, far reaching in its influence for a larger and stronger union.

T/SGT. JOHN CLARK GUNN

Our hearts were made heavy and
broken with sorrow when we received a
message from the secretary of war on
December 7, saying, "Your son, Tech-
nical Sergeant Fifth Grade John C.
Gunn was killed in action twenty-fifth
October on Leyte." He loved his Lord.
He was acquainted with "a man of sor-
row." He could say with Paul, and
God's redeemed children, "Death has
been triumphantly destroyed."

T/Sgt. John Clark Gunn was 22 years,
4 months, 11 days old. He served in the
armed forces of his country one year,
11 months and 12 days. We feel that he
would want this announcement and testi-
mony to appear in this Christian pub-
lication which he delighted in reading.
He has gone to be with the Father in
the place which Jesus said "I go to
prepare."—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gunn
and family.

—BR—

MRS. A. M. METTS

On Tuesday night, Dec. 5, the Yellow
Leaf Baptist Church, Lafayette Associa-
tion, lost one of its most faithful mem-
bers when our heavenly Father called
to her eternal home Mrs. A. M. Metts.
For some twenty-five years she had
lived and served in the Yellow Leaf
church and community. Her beautiful,
consistent Christian life was an inspira-
tion to all who knew her.

Mrs. Metts leaves her husband, Dea-



As We Begin...

As we begin the New Year, when Southern
Baptists unite in our great Centennial Evangelistic Cru-
sade for "A Million Souls for Christ in 1945," we pledge
to you as an individual, to all our state Baptist agencies,
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our unflagging effort to serve you in every way we can
as we seek jointly to "Climax a Century for Christ."

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con A. M. Metts, six sons, three daugh-
ters, and eleven grandchildren to mourn
her going. May our Divine Comforter
be very near these in their lonely hours.

C. H. ELLARD, Pastor.

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A NEW LEAF

To the desk of his teacher a little lad came
With his eyes downcast and his cheeks aflame;
And he said in a trembling and hesitant tone,
"I've spoiled this leaf; may I have a new one?"
In place of the sheet so stained and blotted,
She gave him a new one, clean, unspotted;
His tear-stained face she lifted; then smiled,
And said, "Try to do better now, my child."

To my Teacher I went on my knees, alone;
The days passed by, and another year flown;
"Dear Father, hast thou not a new leaf for me?"
I've blotted so badly this other, I see."
God took the old leaf, so soiled and blotted
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,
And into my sorrowing heart He smiled,
Saying, "Try to do better now, my child."

"To Do Better"

That's it! To do better! That's progress, improvement, advancement, gain. All should want to do better, and many do, and many work toward that. This business of improving is one of the greatest things before us. Some one has said that God has made every provision for His people except the provision for going back.

Onward and forward—to do better—should be the aim and principal objective of every Christian worker. As we face this New Year, we wish the greatest advancement in Christian growth and development for every individual Christian; the most far-reaching and useful work for every Sunday school class; the best year ever in teaching people the Bible on the part of department and school leaders.

How Do Better?

What are some items that must be included in a yearly program for a Sunday school to do better? We dare suggest a few of the most essential ones. We take it that most of our officers and teachers do want to have better classes, departments and schools, but how may we have them?

First, we would suggest a careful diagnosis of the entire program of whatever unit of work it is in order to discover just what the greatest needs are. Unless we are willing to face frankly the weaknesses, we are not going to make much improvement. Improvement comes not alone from the strengthening of the strong points but also, and even to a much greater degree, from the important part of helping the weak ones. Every class, department and school should make careful check-ups more or less regularly to find where the needs are greatest, and then to set about the vital part of making whatever plans need to be made for improving the situation.

We recently carried a watch to a jeweler and wanted him to adjust it so that it would not lose time, as it has been doing for some months. He stated when a watch loses time there

is always something that is causing it. We could not but think that when a Sunday school is below what it should be there is also a reason for it. Not infrequently is the reason the fact that the leaders do not take the time to make the discovery for this low average, and therefore they are not in position to know just what is best to do because they are not certain as to what the trouble is.

After we have discovered through careful diagnosis the needs of our school, then the leaders are in position to go carefully about the part of laying plans for the year that will help them overcome these discovered weakness and try to make of them some of the strongest points in the entire school. As we face this new year there should be much done by way of checking up in order to know just what and where to do.

We Are Sorry

We recently mailed to every pastor and superintendent in the state brief tracts on Standards, Training, and Vacation Bible schools. On the title page of the one on Standards we intended using a plural subject, "Programs" but through an error the "s" was omitted, thus making the sentence one with a singular subject and a plural verb.

Also, in the testimony of Brother L. W. Ferrell in the leaflet on Training, the printer omitted the word "Jackson" in giving the name of the church. However, both church and pastor are well known by Mississippi Baptists.

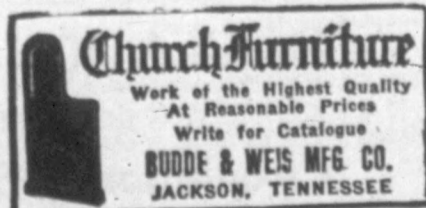
Church School of Evangelism

In preparation for the great Centennial Crusade of 1945, Dr. Dodd and other leaders of the South in this movement are suggesting that the week of January 15-19 be used in every church as the time for an "All-Church-School-of-Evangelism," using various soul-winning books among the various age groups: Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, Adults.

For Juniors, the suggested book is THE JUNIOR AND HIS CHURCH; for Intermediates, WITNESSING FOR CHRIST. The regular Sunday school books on evangelism may be used for Young People and Adults. These books are HOW TO WIN TO CHRIST, THE WAY MADE PLAIN, and SOUL-WINNING DOCTRINES.

There is no estimating the benefits of such a week to a church as we begin the new year and look forward toward the great Centennial Crusade. Pastors and superintendents should certainly plan as early as possible for some such week that people of various age groups may come together in a great all-church program of evangelistic study and preparation for giving our best to the business of winning the lost to Christ.

All these books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., for 40c each plus tax in the paper binding. Blanks for reporting classes will be gladly sent on request.



THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at its annual session December 11 by unanimous vote designated February as Blue Mountain month and the third Sunday, February 18, to be known as complete-the-Blue Mountain Endowment Day.

For more than two years your College at Blue Mountain has been trying most earnestly to raise two hundred thousand dollars as an essential addition to its endowment fund. It has now gone about five-sixths of the distance toward that goal.

The first hundred thousand dollars has been invested in bonds as a memorial to Mrs. Berry by endowing the Professorship of Bible. The next hundred thousand—on which we lack about \$28,000—is to be used to endow the Chair of Social Science as a memorial to Dr. W. T. Lowrey, who served as president of the college for twenty-seven years.

If you have not sent a check, won't you remember your college in February or sooner? If you have already made a donation, wouldn't you really enjoy going the second mile—or the third—and send another gift to the endowment, so that the entire sum of two hundred thousand dollars will be on hand in February?

Won't your Church have a part in this if it has not already made a gift, or make another one if it has already donated?

If your Church has not sent a donation, won't you remember Blue Mountain in February? If it has already given, wouldn't it like to make an additional contribution to help clinch a victory in February?

February: Blue Mountain College Month.

February 18: Complete-the-Blue Mountain Endowment Day.

LET BLUE MOUNTAIN BE YOUR VALENTINE THIS YEAR!

THE LITTLE BAPTIST

(Continued from Page Nine)

consciences, because that was not the action that Christ commanded nor the example that He gave. They now propose to be buried with Him by baptism. After this, they will doubt no more that they have been scripturally baptized. None doubts this; all denominations of Christians accept immersion as scriptural baptism. Then, is it not best to accept that which no one doubts, instead of that which so many dispute, and with which so many become dissatisfied? Were I to offer any of you choice of two bills of money, telling you at the same time that everybody endorsed one as a genuine bill, but that there was a dispute about the other—that by many it was suspected of being a counterfeit, which would you take, the one doubted, or the one that was good beyond question? Sprinkling and pouring are by many doubted, and with them, many become dissatisfied; but that immersion is genuine baptism, is undisputed and indisputable. It is scriptural; it satisfies the conscience; and illustrates the most important doctrines of the gospel."

After singing a hymn and offering a prayer to the Throne of Grace for guidance to the persons about to profess the Saviour before the world by an ordinance of Christ's appointment, the pastor led the ladies down into the limpid stream, and in the presence of a large assembly of spectators, the mother and daughter were laid beneath the yielding wave—illustrating a death to sin; and raised again—illustrating the rising to a new life.

Coming up out of the water, Mrs. Brown remarked: "Now I have a conscience void of offense toward God, that I could not have while living in disobedience to His command."

She exhorted others to go and do likewise.

Mellie's face wore a smile of surpassing sweetness. Calm and deliberate in her manner, she repeated the language of the text, "Blessed are they that do His commandments." Then she said: "Thank God for the Bible; it has taught me how to love the Saviour, and how to obey Him."

Col. Brown and Frank were deeply affected by the services of the day; and hopes were inspired that soon there might be another baptized household after the apostolic pattern.

A few days afterward, Col. Brown told his wife that Mr. Coleman's sermon had knocked the scales from his eyes in reference to the importance of trusting Christ for salvation. That he had never before understood why he could not be saved by simply being a moral, honest and upright man. He had never thought of the fact that the flaming sword had not been taken down, but still turned every way to guard the way to the Tree of Life. This view of the subject alarmed him, and he saw that the only way to be saved was by trusting in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Like thousands of others, Col. Brown had never realized the distinction between the law and the gospel, but when he saw the necessity of a perfect obedience to the law, in order to escape the sword of Justice, he was enabled to comprehend the advantages offered to man in the gospel, by securing an entrance through the new and living way that Christ has opened for the salvation of His followers.

Reader, you cannot be saved by a law-righteousness, because the sword



CHAPLAIN FERGUSON AWARDED SILVER STAR MEDAL

The following citation accompanied the awarding of the Silver Star Medal to Chaplain Warren E. Ferguson by the command of Brigadier General Rose.

"For gallantry in action in France on 14 August 1944. When the enemy loosed a heavy artillery barrage and inflicted numerous casualties upon our forces, Chaplain Ferguson, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and with full knowledge of the danger involved, rendered invaluable assistance to the medical men in collecting and evacuating the wounded. For two hours after the first shelling, he continued to assist the medical officers in rendering treatment despite the continued shelling on the field in which the treatment station was located. His courage and voluntary assistance during this period undoubtedly saved many lives and considerably affected the morale of the officers and men who witnessed this action. Chaplain Ferguson's loyalty and complete devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. He entered military service from Mississippi."

Chaplain Ferguson was pastor at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., when he entered the service. He is originally from Vardaman where his parents live. His wife and son reside at Charlotte, Texas. He has served overseas 14 months. Since September he has been in a hospital in England, after being wounded in the battle of France.

still guards the way to the Tree of Life—it has never been taken down. If thou art unconverted, get into that strait and narrow way that Christ has prepared. Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many will seek (otherwise) to enter, and shall not be able. All who obtain a passport from Christ will have an undisputed right to enter in through the gates into the Holy City, and to pluck the golden fruits from the Tree of Life, and live forever. Think not of a law-righteousness. "By the deeds of the law no flesh can be justified; but Christ is the end of the law for righteousness unto every one that believeth."

"The law condemns, and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe;
But 'tis the gospel must reveal
Wherein lies our strength to do His will."

(Continued next week)

BISHOP NOLL BIDS CATHOLICS ADOPT "BLOCK WARDEN" PLAN

By Religious News Service

Toledo, Ohio—Adoption by Roman Catholics of the "block warden" plan, to influence non-Catholics, was urged by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., at the 22nd annual convention here of the National Council of Catholic Women, of which he is the Episcopal Chairman.

"If, in our large cities, two or three or four Catholic families living in the same block with non-Catholics were bent on influencing them religiously, morally, spiritually," Bishop Noll declared, "if they handed to these, their neighbors, a Catholic pamphlet once a month designed to improve their morals, every person in the city would be covered."

"If they, and their wardens in other blocks," he added, "wrote to editors when they offend against decency; if they registered resentment against things sold at their neighborhood drugstore; against the showing of objectionable movies, they would render a grand Christian service to the entire community."

Asserting that nearly 100,000,000 people in the U. S. "need to be instructed in the fundamentals of religion and of the moral code," Bishop Noll said that "Catholics are the only ones capable of so instructing them, because they alone have the whole truth, and because no other religion than theirs even claims to be absolutely certain of the correctness of its teaching."

(Editor's note: We publish this as information of what the Catholics are saying and thinking and not because we agree with some of these statements.)

—BR—
ROE WILSON IN HOLLAND

A U. S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, France—A Baptist pastor was among the glider pilots of Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams' U. S. troop carrier forces to return to their base in liberated France recently after flying troops and supplies into Holland on the debut mission of the new First Allied Airborne Army.

Before he entered the service in 1942, Flight Officer Roe Wilson of 725 25th street, McComb, Miss., was pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss., for two years and also served the Edwards, Miss., Baptist Church.

Previous to his Holland mission, Wilson flew a glider in the invasion of Southern France. In both cases he took part in the struggle for a new world alongside the troops he had brought in.

"I used to preach about freedom and democracy," recalls Flight Officer Wilson. "Now I'm fighting for them as well." He explains that he hopes to return to the pulpit after the war. In his words, "Preaching and practicing democracy will be just as important in peacetime as fighting for it is now."

The flying pastor studied at Mississippi College in Clinton.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE
SOME QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSES

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. God sent sixteen judges to deliver Israelites from their oppressors. Can you name them?
2. If you were asked to explain to your Sunday school class what the book of Ephesians meant, how would you describe it?
3. In Solomon's Temple there were ten lavers (vessels of brass), raised off the floor on bases. Where were they placed, and for what purpose?
4. When you hang mistletoe from the ceiling and over the doorway, could you explain to family and guests how this practice originated?

PILOT'S PSALM

The Lord is my Pilot; I shall not crash. He maketh me to fly in clear skies; He leadeth me down to smooth landings; He keepeth my chart. He guideth me through the pathless ways of the skies for His name's sake. . . . Yea, though I fly through the storms and tempests of life, I shall dread no danger; for Thou art near me: Thy love and Thy care, they protect me. . . . Thou preparest an airport before me in the homeland of eternity; Thou emblazoneth the skies with Thy beauty; my plane flies gracefully. Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the flight I take, and I will abide in the presence of my God forever.—Springfield Baptist Church, Jacksonville 6, Fla. Submitted by Ensign W. K. Roberts, stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a member of Calvary, Jackson.

—BR—
GIDEONS ASK FAIR SHARE OF F. M. BROADCAST STATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Portland, Ore. — (RNS)—Allocation to religious groups of a fair share of the 500 new F. M. broadcast stations scheduled for construction in America within five years after the war ends was requested by the state convention of Gideons here. The group also urged that religion be given a place in the field of television.

Current policy of three American radio networks in refusing to sell time for religious programs was condemned, and the Gideons also protested the announced policy of the fourth network to confine its religious broadcasts to Sunday mornings, which the convention described as "a period which statistics prove to be generally weak from the audience standpoint."

—BR—
The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. W. A. Roper, Meridian; Mrs. R. E. Holmes, Brooksville; W. H. Edwards, Lucedale; F. Jeff Eubanks, Lucedale; R. W. Porter, Lambert; Rev. A. B. Pierce, New Albany; P. E. Skilton, Blue Mountain; Mrs. J. W. Mills, Lucedale; Rev. Q. C. Barret, Hattiesburg; Miss Willie Craft, Hattiesburg.

Pastor Vila reports thirty-two baptisms recently in his field in Spain.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for January 7
THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS
Scripture: Matthew 1 and 2

INTRODUCTION: We begin with this week a six months' study of the gospel of Matthew. This study will cover the earthly life of our Lord. So it gives to us opportunity to review the old story which never grows old. Of course our study will include a lot of historical material, the mastery of which is so important to us that we can ill afford to neglect it; but the real purpose of our study will be, of course, that we may know Him better when the period closes than we do now. The particular angle from which we shall study the life of our Lord and the characteristics of His with which we shall pray for a better acquaintance and which we hope shall lay firmer hold upon our hearts, are those that Matthew in his gospel sets forth.

The inscription over Jesus' cross was in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. These languages represented the three great civilizations which were the final outcome of ancient history, the Jewish, the Roman, and the Greek. These were not like so many nations selected at random, but stood for three leading types of humanity. The Jew was the man of the past. To him belonged Moses and the prophets. He represented ancient prerogative and privilege, the conservatism of the East. The Roman was the man of the present. He was the master of the world. He represented power, prowess, and victory. The Greek was the man of the future. He had lost his political empire, but he was still supreme in the empire of the intellect. He represented humanity, and the ideal, and all the promise to be realized in western culture. The Jew was the man of tradition, the Roman the man of energy, the Greek the man of thought.

Matthew addresses himself especially to the Jew, with his gospel of fulfillment; Mark, to the Romans with his brief narrative of action; Luke, to the Greek with that spirit of humanity and catholicity so characteristic of him; while for those who have been gathered unto Christ from among the Jews and Romans and Greeks—people who are no longer Jews or Romans or Greeks, but all one in Christ, there is a fourth gospel, written at a later date, with characteristics especially adapted to the Christians.

The gospel of Matthew ought to occupy the first place in our Christian volume: It is the gospel repre-

sented Christ as presenting Himself as the fulfillment of Jewish prophecy, "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile," a realization of the true ideal of the king, the divine Saviour King for whom the nation and the world had so long waited. We begin our study with the beginning of this account of the coming of the King.

I. The birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1-17.

Matthew gives it in three divisions of fourteen generations each. From Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the birth of Christ, fourteen generations.

II. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Matthew 1:18 to 2:12.

Read this passage now, to see how God prepared a mother for His only begotten Son and a birthplace for Him who was to be the Savior of the humble and the friend of publicans and sinners. Notice that his name, Jesus, means Salvation of Jehovah, that the prophet long before had said that he should be born of a virgin and should bear the name given him by the prophet seven and a half centuries before, Immanuel, a word which means "God with us."

Note further how the then-reigning king, Herod the Idumean was troubled by the question which the wise men from the East asked of the people as they entered Jerusalem, "Where is the new-born King of the Jews?" For this Herod was a bloody tyrant, jealous of his position as king under Rome of the Jewish people. Herod being a foreigner, the Jews hated him, and he was well aware of this hatred. The Jews longed for a king of their own blood, and Herod was aware of this longing. He took, therefore, what appeared to him to be most direct and certain way to prevent the rise of a rival claim to his throne. This was his favorite way of murder. Note how the father of our Lord frustrated Herod by sending the wise men home another way, and by arranging for Joseph to hide the baby Jesus in Egypt until Herod's death.

III. The slaughter of the innocents. Matthew 2:16-18.

Realizing that the wise men had gone from Bethlehem without having directed him how to find the new-born King, Herod was filled with wrath and sent a band of soldiers to Bethlehem with orders to murder all the boy-babies under the age of two years to be found in the town. Thus Herod became in heart the murderer of the new-born king and in Christian history a character of horror to all succeeding generations. That he was not successful in his effort upon the young King's life is due of course to the providence of God and the obedience of Joseph to the command of God.

After the death of Herod, when Joseph came out of Egypt with Mary and the child Jesus, he went to live in Nazareth of Galilee, because that land was beyond the border of the dominion of Herod's son. But again in the providence of God, his residence there fulfilled an unwritten prophecy which declared that the Lord should be called a Nazarene.

IV. The hidden years in Nazareth.

For a long stretch of years now, we have no record of the life of our Lord as he grew from babyhood to youth and from youth to manhood. There is, indeed, one incident occurring when he was twelve years of age which pours a flood of light upon his

PROHIBITION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO GEORGE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

We have no National Prohibition Act. In 1918 there was enacted by Congress the 18th amendment to the United States Constitution and in connection there was enacted a national prohibition act, which prohibited the manufacture, sale or transportation of any alcoholic beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume (and in my judgment, one of the best laws ever written).

During the first Roosevelt-Hoover campaign, Mr. Roosevelt pledged himself to repeal the 18th amendment and the national prohibition law, if elected. This he accomplished.

The national prohibition act was a criminal law in nature, and after the repeal, then the officers operated under the internal revenue laws, issuing stamps for the sale of liquor in legally dry states so far as the national government is concerned. And now under these tax stamps liquor is being sold in the state legally so far as the federal government is concerned.

The above has to do with the laws of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue and I quote the following as the existing state laws. Section 2638 of the 1942 Mississippi code, provides that "any person who sells intoxicating liquor unlawfully or allows the same to be sold at his place of business shall be subject to pay the state, the county and the city or village, each a penalty of \$500.00."

The suit may be brought by any taxpayer or the state tax collector, or by the sheriff of any county. The suit is a civil procedure, and may be commenced by attachment without bond. The chancery court has concurrent jurisdiction with courts of law to entertain such suits and to suppress as a nuisance any place of business where any intoxicating liquors are sold.

It is the sworn duty of all state and county officers to see that the statutes are obeyed, that persons who violate them are made to desist from such violation, that such persons are assessed with the penalties and suffer the punishment provided for such violations.

It is equally the duty of all citizens to observe and respect these laws and to demand of all those in authority that they do their full duty in securing the observance of the statutes. Suit may be filed either in the circuit or chancery court to collect a penalty of \$500 for each, the town, the county, and the state, a total of \$1,500.

It is surprising that those charged with the duty of enforcing the law have seemed to overlook the efficiency of proceedings conducted through the chancery court.

It has been my privilege to know personally the Honorable J. Sid Mize, judge of the U. S. district court, and Judge D. M. Russell, chancellor of this district, each of whom are Christian gentlemen (Baptists) who regard their oath of office as most sacred and never hesitate to discharge their duties as officers, without fear or favor. We are indeed fortunate to have men of this type in office.

Under the provisions of Sections 2641 of the 1942 code, the Board of Supervisors, the boards of mayor and aldermen are authorized to appropriate from time to time an amount equal to one-third of all fines collected from the unlawful sales of intoxicating liquors, and to use these funds for the purpose of procuring evidence of violation of the statutes.

The district attorney and county attorney are available to law enforcement officers without the payment of fees to prosecute case of violation.

All the foregoing is in addition to the 10% tax levied on sales by act of the recent session of the legislature which the friends of the act claim will have the effect of decreasing the amount of liquor sold in the state.

There is no question about the fact that with the sheriff or mayor and a district attorney or county attorney co-operating in securing evidence of violation by wide open places, followed by filing of these suits in the chancery courts that these violations can be abated.

The state tax collector is authorized to collect the 10% tax and in addition file suit for the collection of the \$500 penalty and also ask that the court decree the place of business a nuisance.

We are indeed fortunate in being citizens of a county where law violations are few compared to some other sections of the state.


Our local officers are vigilant and it is our duty as citizens to cooperate with and aid them in every way possible in the performance of their duty and by so doing, we will make our beloved county of George a safe place to live and worship our Master without fear of molestation.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JAMES R. GOFF.

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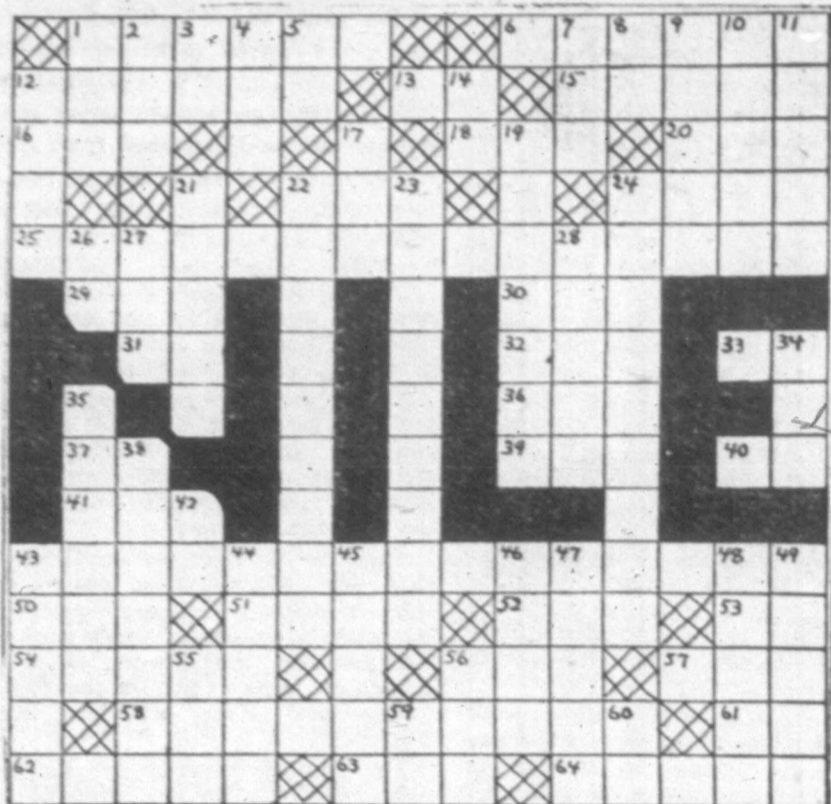
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RIVERS AND OTHER WATERS
ACROSS

- 1 Modern name of Eden's third river.
- 6 The one river of Palestine.
- 12 "over the brook . . ." John 18:1.
- 13 King of Bashan, Josh. 13:12.
- 15 A queen from here visited Solomon.
- 16 "... of a thousand," Job 9:3.
- 18 Imitate.
- 20 Container.
- 22 Christ calmed the . . . Mark 4:39.
- 24 Found in 22 across.
- 25 "And Jesus, walking by"
Matt. 4:18.
- 29 "pure . . . olive" Ex. 27:20.
- 30 The particular thing.
- 31 Note.
- 32 Exclamation of disgust.
- 33 Home of Abraham, Gen. 11:31.
- 36 Serpent, Isa. 11:8.
- 37 Adjective suffix.
- 39 Make of automobile.
- 40 Doctor of divinity.
- 41 Pronoun.
- 43 "And said unto him, Go, wash"
John 9:7.
- 50 Mount where Aaron died.
- 51 Variant spelling of place where "John
was also baptizing because there was
much water there."
- 52 The "triumphal entry" animal.
- 53 Exclamation used to startle.
- 54 Single things.
- 56 Bird, Lev. 11:16.
- 57 Fuel.
- 58 Modern name of the final receptacle
of the Jordan (3 words).
- 61 Part of the United States.
- 62 Probably the Nile, Jer. 2:18.
- 63 Grain.
- 64 City from which Paul sailed to take
the gospel to Europe, Acts 16.

DOWN

- 1 Number of the commandments.
- 2 Fish.
- 3 Greek.
- 4 Propel on the water.
- 5 "... the midst of the sea."
- 7 Suffix denoting "full of."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



CENTENNIAL MEMORANDA

1845-1945

By Louie D. Newton

Coincident with the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, May 8, 1845, was the organization of its first two agencies—the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board was located in Richmond, Va., and Dr. James B. Taylor was elected its first secretary.

The Home Mission Board was located in Marion, Ala., and Dr. J. L. Reynolds was elected as its first secretary. He declined, and Dr. B. P. Bester was elected. He served three months, and Dr. Ryssel Holman was then elected, and is generally regarded as the first secretary of the Home Mission Board. The office of the Board was moved to Atlanta in 1882.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was organized at Greenville, S. C., in 1859. The first faculty was composed of Dr. James P. Boyce, Dr. John A. Broadus, Dr. Basil Manley, Jr., and Dr. William Williams. The seminary was moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1877.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in 1888, with headquarters in Baltimore. Miss Annie W. Armstrong was the first secretary. The headquarters was moved to Birmingham, Ala., in 1921.

The Sunday School Board was organized in 1891, with Dr. J. L. Frost as its first secretary. This board has been located at Nashville throughout its life.

The Baptist Brotherhood, originally known as the Southern Baptist Laymen's Movement, was organized in 1907, at Knoxville, Tenn., with Dr. J. T. Henderson as secretary.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was organized in 1908 at Fort Worth, Texas, with Dr. B. H. Carroll as its first president. The seminary now has its own post office—Seminary Hill, Texas.

The Baptist Bible Institute was organized at New Orleans in 1917, with Dr. B. H. Dement as its first president.

The Relief and Annuity Board was organized at Dallas, Texas, in 1918, with Dr. W. R. Lunsford as its first secretary.

The Southern Baptist Hospital was organized at New Orleans, in 1926, with Dr. Louis J. Bristow as its first superintendent.

PASTORS-LAYMEN DINNER HELD
FOR LIVERPOOL CHURCH

On Thursday evening, December 14, the laymen of the Liverpool Baptist Church (Yazoo county), entertained with a pastors-laymen dinner at the Tinsley Hotel. The pastor, Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, presided, and after a sumptuous dinner, the pastor presented a program of church activities for 1945, which were discussed and adopted by the men.

Among the plans of the church for 1945 will be cleaning off of the cemetery and marking unnamed graves, and the appointing of a cemetery committee to look after the upkeep of the grounds; a sign to be placed in front of the church with information regarding church and cemetery, with phone numbers of the pastor and a cemetery committee chairman; remodeling church and putting in new pews and flooring; plans for the revival meeting to begin the last Sunday in July.

TO THE MEMBERS OF
FOXWORTH CHURCH:

With this issue The Baptist Record becomes a weekly visitor in your home. It has been included in our budget for the coming year. It can mean much to you or it can mean little or even nothing. The more you read it the more it will mean to you. I trust that as each paper comes into your home you will read it thoroughly. It will help you to keep up with the work that we, as a group of people, are doing for our Lord. If you will read it each week you will become more interested in our Lord's work and will do more for Him and His cause.

B. E. PADGET, Pastor.

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B. B. JONES VISITS MISSISSIPPI
COLLEGE

Mr. B. B. Jones, president, and Miss S. Frances Sale, secretary-treasurer of the Field Co-Operative Association, recently visited Mississippi College. This was the first visit of Mr. Jones to our campus since 1926. He expressed himself as highly pleased with its physical appearance and said more than once that it was one of the prettiest campuses that he had seen.

They were at our chapel exercises. Mr. Jones brought a helpful and inspiring message on how to make a success of life. He emphasized six essentials:

1. The love of God and the love of one's fellowman.
2. Don't worry.
3. Know what money is and how to use it.
4. Be able to recognize values in people.
5. Be able to recognize values in location.

His message was warmly received by students and faculty.

While Mr. Jones is in his 78th year, his mind is clear, his heart is still warm, and his step firm.

Miss Sale interviewed several prospective borrowers of the Field Co-Operative Association while here. She also had the pleasure of meeting again some of those who are beneficiaries of the association and who are now members of the faculty of Mississippi College.

All in all, it was another red-letter day for Mississippi College.

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JACKSON CHURCH GIVEN \$5,000 ON
PIPE ORGAN FUND IN HONOR
OF WALTER G. JOHNSON, JR.

Walter G. Johnson, manager of the Jackson Daily News, has given \$5,000 to the Calvary Baptist Church, to go toward the installation of a new pipe organ, in honor of his son, First Lieutenant Walter G. Johnson, Jr., who has been a prisoner in Germany since April 14, 1944.

The pipe organ is to be installed in the church at the conclusion of the war.

The 25-year-old Jackson fighter pilot was shot down over Northern Italy after completing 18 or 19 missions from his base near Naples. Prior to his service in the European theater of operations, Lieut. Johnson had served 17 months in the Pacific area.

He was first reported missing in action and later reported a prisoner of the Germans at Stalag Luft Three, a prison camp for commissioned officers.

**MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE COLLEGIAN
HAS GIRL EDITOR**

Clinton, Dec. 14.—The Collegian, a student paper published by the students of Mississippi College at Clinton, is just off the press for the first time this session.

Publication had been discontinued when so many of the students went into the armed service.

During the time The Collegian has been issued by the Navy V-12 unit been inactive, a mimeographed paper here.

Now that Hillman College for young women has been annexed to Mississippi College, the girls out-number the civilian men, and for the first time in the life of The Collegian, the editor is a girl. She is Miss Lou Case of Canton.

The members of the staff are:

Editor-in-chief, Lou Case, Canton; associate editor, David Dale, Prentiss; business manager, Walter Taylor, Clinton; assistant business manager, Claude Foster, Jackson; art editors: Margaret Bibb, Drew, and Joe Stovall, Clinton; reporters: Delle Lovett, Morton; John Vandercook, Alexander, Arkansas; Ellis Griffith, Prentiss; Louise Girling, Holmesville; Yolie Carter, Rolling Fork; Katherine Crigler, Macon; L. C. Hoff, McCall Creek; Hugh Shankle, Charleston; Madge Sterling, Jackson; Burton Magee, West Point; typists: Mary Elizabeth Gilbert, Arcola; Pete Wicks, Jackson, and Avonelle Stevens, Corinth, and faculty sponsor, Prof. Louis Dollarhide.

**KANSAS BAPTISTS ASK PASS-
PORTS FOR PROTESTANT
MISSIONARIES**

Wichita, Kans.—(RNS)—Alleged refusal of the State Department to issue passports for missionaries to Latin America was protested by the Kansas Baptist Convention here.

"Information has come to our attention that our missionaries and those of other Protestant denominations desiring to enter Latin America repeatedly experience difficulty in obtaining passports from the State Department," the resolution said. It protested "most courteously and firmly against what appears to be undue and unfair pressure upon these representatives of the gospel we preach."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and to various religious publication.

**KROUSE WILLS \$30,000
TO ORPHANAGE**

The late Dr. P. A. Krouse, a retired dentist of Meridian, a member of the Presbyterian church, died on December 16. His will when probated after providing some personal bequests bequeathed the residue of his estate to the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist orphanages of Mississippi. Those who are in position to know believe that at a very conservative estimate each of the orphanages will receive at least \$30,000. The will provides that this money be paid to the trustees of the orphanages to be used by the mat their discretion.

We are still happy in the work at Second Avenue Baptist Church. We are making big plans for 1945. By the grace of the Lord we want it to be the greatest year in the history of the church. We are rejoicing in the reception of new members almost every Sunday. We received seven new members on December 17 and two on December 24. We have ten awaiting baptism.—B. B. Hilburn, pastor.

**"HOT RELIGION" CALLED
ANSWER TO CHURCH
LOSSES**

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—A "lack of passion in preaching the gospel" has contributed to the failure of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to keep pace with the growth in population, Dr. Thurlow S. Fraser of Carneys Point told the 122nd annual meeting the Synod of New Jersey here.

"The American people are an emotional folk," he said. "They like their idealism, their patriotism, their religion served hot. Somewhere in the long course of preparation, our passion has grown cold. The people, unattracted by cool logic, turn from us to those who give them a warmer gospel, even if it be not so philosophically coordinated."

Time's Character Gauge by Dr. John D. Freeman, editor of the Western Recorder, should be read by all who are interested in things worthwhile. As one reviewer says: "This book contains nothing but sense—stern, shocking, alarming, challenging, inspiring. In it the author writes of the growing of the human personality, measuring such growth by the unerring standard of God's Word, tried and tested without a single failure. This standard he rightly calls 'Time's Character Gauge.' The whole subject is found in 2 Peter 1:5-7, and was suggested by a sermon preached a quarter century ago by Dr. L. R. Scarborough on the subject, 'An Eight-Story Christian.' The volume is really the result of twenty-five years of meditation and study and represents the author's best effort in a surpassingly important field. It is interesting to note the characterization of each of the elements mentioned: Faith: Secure Footing; Courage: Spiritual Stamina; Wisdom: The Priceless Acquisition; Knowledge: The Master Key; Temperance: The Battle of the Ages; Patience: The Safe Anchorage; Godliness: Personality Polish; Brotherly Kindness: The Extended Hand; Love: The Bondage of Perfection. The study closes with brief Epilogue entitled 'The Perfect Example,' the illustration of the subject in the character of Jesus. For clearness of thought and robustness of expression this volume is unsurpassed. It is the author's masterpiece, and will reward the reader in an investment of serious consideration. It is published by the Broadman Press and sells for \$2.00. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

Boyd Watkins, treasurer, says Slayden church, is making progress under the leadership of Pastor Clarence Palmer. In addition to contributions for the Cooperative Program and local expenses, recent offerings include: State Missions \$65; orphanage \$55; Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$140. The Sunday school is making progress led by R. T. Puryear, superintendent.

Of 1,000 men and women over 15 years of age, six are chronic alcoholics and 20 are in danger of becoming alcoholics.

Miss Margie Shumate, Miss Katie Murray and Miss Addie Cox arrived in Los Angeles a few days ago after a long trip from Free China. Miss Grace Stribling had preceded them a few weeks. Miss Ruth Pettigrew is en route home from China.

The W. M. U. Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions has reached \$353.20 with some possible yet to be reported.



**A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAIN
IN THE SERVICE**

Chaplain (Capt.) William P. Davis, O-480311, is a graduate of Clarke College and of Mississippi College and engaged in graduate study at Peabody College, Nashville, 1931-32. He had one year in the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received the Th.B. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1938 and the Th.M. degree in 1939. He was licensed to preach at the age of sixteen.

He held pastorates in Mississippi, in Baltimore, Md., and Barren Plains Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn. He is listed in Who's Who Among the Religious Leaders of America and Who's Important in Religion. He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu fraternity. He was professor of modern languages at Mississippi College in 1930 and president of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference for a while. He was State Approved Adult Sunday School worker in Tennessee, 1940-41.

Chaplain Davis was born August 5, 1905. He married Miss Grace Sadler in 1929. They have one son, William Simmons, age twelve. He was commissioned a chaplain July 9, 1942, and attended the chaplains' school in December, 1943. He is a transport chaplain and has seen much service in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre and wears the campaign medals and service star.

The members of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, firmly believe that the Lord sent Dr. W. A. Criswell to be successor to Dr. George W. Truett. Dr. Criswell began his work on November 19th. There were 58 additions to the church on his first Sunday, and fourteen of those came on profession of faith for baptism. Dr. Criswell is gifted, humble, deeply spiritual and has a passion for souls. Before Dr. Criswell came, the church had planned the 1945 budget on the 50/50 basis, and we expect the church to give much more to missions during 1945 than we spend on ourselves. Our new pastor will build on the firm foundation laid by Dr. Truett, who built not around himself but on Jesus Christ. Brethren, pray for us.—Robert H. Coleman, assistant.

Those needing a good Sunday school lesson commentary should investigate Higley's 1945 commentary. It sells for \$1.00 and is worth it. The publisher is Higley Press, Butler, Indiana. Among its twenty-two features are: Object lessons, double column pages, many illustrations, and verse by verse exposition. Order from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

**ANSWERS TO
KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

(Feature on Page Twelve)

1. (Sixteen judges sent by God): Their names were Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Barak, Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair, Jephtha, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli and Samuel.

2. (Book of Ephesians and its meaning): It was known as a group, called "the epistles of the imprisonment," or "of the captivity." It was during the first Roman imprisonment that Paul wrote Ephesians, and also Philippians, Philemon, and Colossians, which formed the group above referred to.

3. (Ten lavers of brass): They were placed five on the north and five on the south side in the court of the priests, and used for washing the animals to be offered as the burned offerings.

4. (Mistletoe, and how its use originated): In ancient times, there was a certain plant called mistletoe, and known as a holy and sacred plant because of the magic it was said to contain. It was known as the Sacred Oak, and the high priest, at eventide, cut it into small pieces, giving everyone a twig as protection against evil. They hung it from the ceiling and over the doorway, from which pagan rite came the origin of our present day Christmas use of mistletoe.

**RESOLUTIONS BY WEST LAUREL
BROTHERHOOD**

Whereas, The Brotherhood movement is directly related to the laymen of the church, and

Whereas, Its membership is made up mostly of the men of the church, and

Whereas, The work is carried on by the men of the church,

Therefore, be it resolved, We believe that a laymen should be selected as Brotherhood secretary for the state of Mississippi, and

We believe that somewhere there is a layman interested enough in the Lord's work and the Brotherhood movement to consecrate himself to this work in the state, Therefore,

We covenant ourselves to join you and the other Brotherhoods of Mississippi in special prayer to God that He will lead us to His man to lead out in this great work.

The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible by Dr. John D. Davis, revised and rewritten by Dr. Henry Snyder Gehman (fifth edition) and published by the Westminster Press, Witherspoon building, Philadelphia 7, Pa., has recently come from the press. The well-known and universally accepted "Davis' Bible Dictionary" has now been completely revised and rewritten by Professor Davis' scholarly successor in the chair of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. Having long fulfilled a useful purpose for pastors, church workers, students, and Bible teachers, this thoroughly revised handbook continues to maintain its tradition of sound and conservative scholarship, while yet receiving new life through recent advances made in philology, geography, history of the ancient Near East, and Bible criticism. The price is \$3.50 and orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

Three persons in every 1,000 are affected by tuberculosis and five persons in every 1,000 are affected by venereal disease. From six to seven persons out of every 1,000 are affected by the disease of alcohol.

Brookhaven: Our W. M. U. Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal was \$600. The total is already \$660 and more is expected.



CHAPLAIN LOWRY RECEIVES CITATION

Capt. Mark Lowry, former pastor of the Wesson Baptist Church, and now in the Chaplains Corps of the United States Army, has received a division citation for exceptionally meritorious conduct. Capt. Lowry is the son of Mrs. Laura Lowry of 321 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, Miss. His family resides at Wesson, Miss. The citation received is as follows:

"Mark (NMI) Lowry, Captain, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 September 1943, to 4 April 1944, in the Italian campaign. Despite wide dispersion of the batteries of his battalion and the critical shortage of transportation which often necessitated his making trips on foot, Chaplain Lowry maintained daily contacts with the men at their various gun sections, assisting them spiritually and devoting his utmost efforts to their welfare and comfort. As the winter progressed Chaplain Lowry's visits had to be made through almost impassable mud and in extremely bad weather, but his devotion to duty and his unconcern for his own personal welfare enabled him to overcome these obstacles and provide spiritual guidance to the men at the scattered gun positions. On 29 October 1943, Chaplain Lowry was present at a gun pit when eight enemy aircraft approached and dropped their bombs, one of which exploded by a gun pit nearby. Chaplain Lowry immediately proceeded to the gun pit and comforted the wounded until the arrival of medical assistance. The unceasing efforts displayed by Chaplain Lowry in visiting units in isolated areas, under combat conditions and adverse weather, contributed greatly to the high morale of his battalion. Entered military service from Wesson, Mississippi."

BISHOP LEE REPORTS 159 CHAPLAIN CASUALTIES

New York—(RNS)—Reporting that there were 7,708 chaplains in the U. S. Army, Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, revealed here that 159 of them have been war casualties. He spoke at a dinner given chaplains of the Greater New York area by the Congregational Christian Churches.

Bishop Lee said that 33 chaplains have been killed in action, 44 died from wounds, 48 others were wounded, and 34 were prisoners of war. He cited the figures to show that chaplains are paying with their lives to bring spiritual comfort to the armed forces.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF Prayer

- Jan. 8—W. M. U. Institute at Brookhaven and New Albany on Jan. 12; E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary; Dr. Dr. L. T. Lowrey, president, Blue Mountain College.
- Jan. 9—Mrs. L. R. Williams, office secretary, Training Union department; Dr. D. M. Nelson, president, Mississippi College; W. M. U. Institutes at Kosciusko and Senatobia on January 15.
- Jan. 10—Rev. E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor; the Baptist Hospital campaign; W. M. U. Institutes at Weir and Courtland on January 16.
- Jan. 11—Miss Lois Tyler, Baptist Record bookkeeper and mailing superintendent; Rev. J. B. Ray, enlistment pastor; W. M. U. Institute at Grenada on January 17.
- Jan. 12—Dr. W. E. Greene, president, Clarke College; J. E. Lane, Minister's Retirement department bookkeeper; W. M. U. Institutes at Sturgis and Shelby on January 18.
- Jan. 13—Miss Nella Dean Mitchell, who transferred from the office secretary to field worker in the Training Union department January 1; Rev. B. S. Hilbun, rural evangelist; W. M. U. Institutes at Macon and Leland on January 19.
- Jan. 14—Rev. W. W. Kyzar, evangelist; Rev. A. B. Pierce, executive secretary, the Baptist Foundation; W. M. U. Institute at First church, McComb, January 22.

M. C. Gaines, originator of the comic magazine, presented profits of over \$5,000 from the sale of the complete Old Testament edition of "Picture Stories from the Bible," to representatives of Protestant and Jewish religious organizations, at a luncheon held at the Lexington Hotel in New York City, on Friday, December 15. Last year, at a similar luncheon, Mr. Gaines presented \$3,500 to the same group. At the luncheon Mr. Gaines revealed that a total of 400,000 of the complete Old Testament edition which retails at 50c, were sold during this, its first year of publication, putting "Picture Stories from the Bible" definitely in the best seller class.

Dr. E. D. Head has several thousand colored pictures, something like 11x12, of the late Dr. George W. Truett. This is a reproduction of the painting of Dr. Truett which hangs in the library of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. Dr. Head will gladly send one of these pictures to any person who will write directly to him indicating that they would like to have one. Address him at Seminary Hill, Texas.

Turkey for Christmas is an excellent book for small children. The author is Marguerite de Angeli. According to the story Christmas would be different. Martha's long illness had been expensive and father said the family would have to choose between a few small gifts or a turkey for Christmas. Father's bright ideas and unexpected surprises show Bess the real meaning of Christmas. The story is based on an incident in the life of the author. Order from the Westminster Press, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa., or the Baptist Book Store. The price is 75 cents.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS APPROVE \$313,000 BUDGET FOR 1945

Little Rock, Ark.—(RNS)—The Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted a \$113,000 increase in its budget for 1945 at its annual session here, to finance an expansion program which calls for employment of a state director of rural evangelism, a state brotherhood secretary to direct laymen's work, and an associate secretary of religious education. Total budget was set at \$313,000.

Over 200 of the denomination's more than 900 churches in the state are without pastors, it was reported by the Rev. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, but 821 churches contributed to the denominational program.

It was announced that funds for meeting the convention's moral obligation of \$500,000 to bond holders would be obtained through a \$25,000 preferred item in the budget, free will offerings, and the use of \$14,000 remaining after note holders were paid near \$100,000.

Trustees of the Baptist State Hospital, who won a court battle against contributing \$30,000 toward payment on the Convention's old debts, were "purged" when delegates did not re-nominate Board Chairman W. R. Donham, and W. I. Moody, laymen who had served as trustees since the hospital's founding in 1922.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE December 31, 1944

	SS	BTU
Ackerman	129	
Brookhaven, First	461	119
New Albany	267	90
Crystal Springs	450	72
Parkway, Jackson	441	
Calvary, Jackson	822	162
Griffith, Jackson	532	154
First, Jackson	820	

December 24, 1944

Steen's Creek	69	
Hardy	105	
Wallerville	34	
Summit	108	
Rocky Creek, George Co.	91	83
West Side, Natchez	82	34

December 17, 1944

Harrisburg	157	72
Ellison Ridge	99	82
Center, Union Co.	134	67
Enon, Panola Co.	45	49
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	63	44
Louisville	325	47

The Intermediate Leadership Manual by Elaine Coleman Pearson, for some years director of Intermediate work in the Baptist Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board and published by the Broadman Press is a handbook for all workers with Intermediates in the Training Union. It seeks to explain the basic principles of Intermediate Union and department work. The price is sixty cents cloth and forty cents paper. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

Among recent contributors to the Patterson Memorial of Mississippi College are: J. S. Riser, Bethesda church, Terry; Wilbur Osborn, Learned; Mrs. I. R. Carter, Magnolia; Miss Mary Osborn, Steen's Creek; D. R. Boone, Peach Creek church; Pleasant Grove; R. L. Atkinson, First Baptist Church, Laurel; Mrs. Fern Hartzog, Prentiss; W. V. Kees, Magee; Miss Edna Carver, Calvary church, Jackson; John J. Lipsey, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Franklin James, of Louin, in overseas service; William H. Alexander, of Meridian.

Did you know that 400,000 of the 2,600,000 excessive users of alcohol are women?

LATIN AMERICA'S ANSWER TO CATHOLIC PRETENSIONS

By Everett Gill, Jr.,

Secretary for Latin America Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.

For over two years now many non-Catholic foreign mission boards have been experiencing difficulties in securing passports and visas for their missionaries to Latin American republics as the direct result of a Roman Catholic campaign to discredit their century-old efforts and to charge them with being "disturbing factors" in our Good Neighbor Policy.

Dr. George P. Howard, citizen of Argentina, Protestant minister, lecturer to university students, and writer, who has spent thirty-five years in Latin America, has given us the answer. He states: "A campaign is evidently on for a postwar program that will grant religious freedom wherever the Roman Catholic church is in a minority and religious monopoly wherever it has the power to suppress competition." Since practically all charges against our work has come from the Catholic hierarchy and a few writers in the United States, he felt the time had come to hear from Latin America.

Dr. Howard spent months interviewing educators, statesmen, publishers, editors, business men, many of whom were Roman Catholic. Not only did they give verbal tribute to the unselfish work of non-Catholic missionaries, but with one accord signed written statements for him to use at his discretion.

The result of this investigation, vital to the interests of all denominations engaged in mission work in Latin America, has been incorporated in a Religious Book Club selection: Religious Liberty in Latin America (Westminster Press, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, price \$2.00). It reveals the insidious propaganda of the Catholic hierarchy to influence the American government to give them a favored position in our inter-American relations.

Since this book discusses a question so vital to Southern Baptists and their mission work in South America, members of the staff of the Foreign Mission Board are giving it a wholehearted recommendation. In its discussions of this issue it is a volume which may shake a continent in its relation to religious freedom. Speaking the truth in love, it fearlessly reveals the spectre of "clericalism" stalking the legislatures of democratic-loving nations.

Since the adoption of the resolution by the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, May 17, 1944, on "Religious Liberty," our Foreign Mission Board has experienced less difficulty in securing passports for its new missionaries to Latin America. In addition, the Board is happy to report that four missionaries have also received their entrance permits and visas for Brazil. While some improvement is noted, let there be no mistake. The question of full religious liberty in Latin America is not settled. All lovers of true religious freedom must be constantly on the alert until this divine principle becomes a living reality around the world.

Tocowa church, Panola Association, Loyd T. Shelton, pastor, is another of the many churches sending the Record to the service men. Recently Pastor Shelton sent a list of 15 service men to be added to the Tocowa EVERY FAMILY list.